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Novak tackles array of issues in Chapel speech

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Robert Novak, conservative columnist and political commentator, spoke in the Chapel, discussing politics, the 1996 election, President Clinton, the IRS, and a host of other issues. The speech, sponsored by the Conservative Club, was on Tuesday, November 19.

Novak—articulate, critical and humorous—is celebrating his fortieth anniversary covering Washington. He has been a columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times* since 1966. On CNN, where he has worked since 1980, he co-hosts "Crossfire," "Evans and Novak," and he is the executive producer of "The Capital Gang."

Robert Novak was a reporter for the Associated Press from 1954-1958. From there, he went to work for the *Wall Street Journal* until 1963. He wrote a column called "Inside Report." He has also wrote *Nixon in the White House* and *The Reagan Revolution*, two best-selling books.

"In Washington I'm known as the 'Prince of Darkness,'" Novak said at the beginning of his speech. However he said he wasn't going to bash President Clinton because he respects him, and he added, "I worship the quicksand he walks on."

During his speech, Novak analyzed the 1996 Presidential election, critiqued President Clinton and the Democratic Party's agenda, outlined some mistakes made by the Republicans, and discussed issues about the economy, the media, and government.

"There is a deep-seeded suspicion, world-wide, about the effectiveness of government and politics to solve our problems," said Novak. He went on to say that in this time of distrust of government, President

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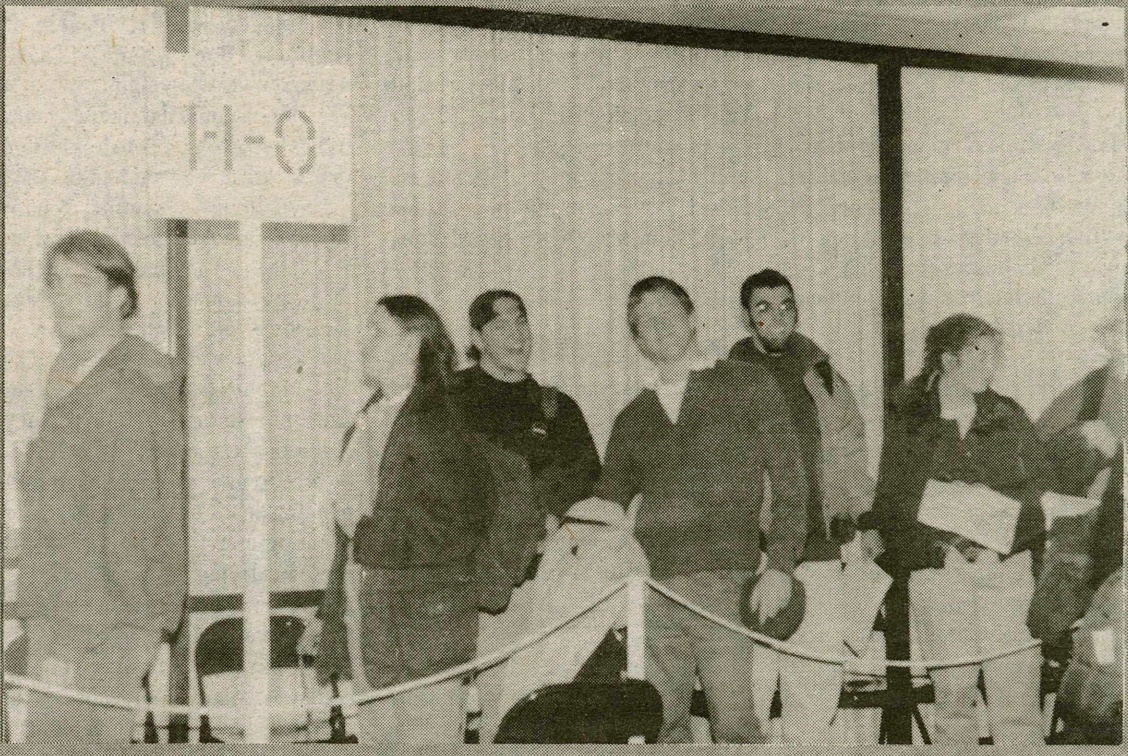

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The bi-annual campus-wide event known as course registration took place all week long in K-J. While the usual lines awaited, this year's procedure was well-organized.

Sierra Club rep explains global warming

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On Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Events Barn, the Government, Biology and Geology Departments sponsored a discussion on global warming. The discussion was led by Dan Becker, the Director of the Global Warming Department of the Sierra Club in Washington, DC.

Becker began his discussion by addressing environmental issues from a political aspect. He spoke of the trouble that lobbyists such as himself had encountered with the 104th Congress. Because this particular Congress was very hostile to environmental issues, they attempted to over turn many laws and acts, making legislation difficult.

Groups such as the Sierra Club attempted to combat such hostility by educating the public of the effect that environmental problems have on their lives. These new actions included an attempt to explain to people why things were harmful instead of simply stating that they are, and also trying to demonstrate how people can make a difference in the future.

As the elections drew closer, Becker explained that the Congress and the President became more sympathetic to the plight of the environmental lobbyists in hopes of gaining more public support. Not only did they stop frontal attacks, they also passed acts to protect the environment from pesticides, and to clean up the problem of water pollution. Becker said that lobbyists such as himself are hopeful that the returning members of the 105th Congress will continue to help with environmental legislation when they begin to meet.

The remainder of the discussion focused on the issue of global warming, and the effect that it will have on the environment and people in the future. According to extensive research done by scientists on the topic, global warming is thought to have begun already and its effects are already taking their toll.

Global warming is caused by the emission of carbon dioxide that results from the burning of fossil fuels and is emitted from such places as factories and car exhaust. As a result of this by-product, the atmosphere today has 28% more carbon dioxide today than it did 100 years ago.

The pollution of the air is believed by environmentalists to be the cause of many different weather and health related problems that have been arising lately. In the last 100 years, the temperature on the Earth has risen one degree Fahrenheit. This may not seem like a big deal, but it is actually very significant.

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Dan Becker addresses the Barn.

New campus card system versatile on, off-campus

By Peter N. Gaston '99
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THE FUTURE OF THE CAMPUS CARD

- Meal card
- Vending machines
- Laundry
- Copying
- Laser printing
- On-campus debit card
- Off-campus purchases

In an attempt to meet the expressed needs of students, Hamilton is set to implement an entirely new campus card system that will allow students to use one card for nearly all campus services, and even off-campus services.

Special Teams, a system of software and hardware developed by American Express, will go online on December 1, replacing the current C-BORD system. The system will allow students to use one card, which will double as a college identification card, for food service, vending, laundry, copying, laser printing, and even to make purchases off-campus at area businesses.

"The reason we chose to make this change was because students are asking to take care of all of their needs with one card," said Director of Auxiliary and Contract Services Betsy Espe. "The current system, which made sense 5 years ago, cannot match the needs of the campus. We've grown into using it at maximum capacity."

According to Espe, the new system will be implemented in phases. "At first, it will appear as if there are no immediate changes," said Espe, "except for the fact that students will no longer be able to give their ID number [without their cards] for entrance into the dining halls."

The reason for this change, Espe said, is that student ID numbers will be supplemented with many additional digits to be compatible with the new system. An excessive amount of time would then be necessary for Bon Appetit employees to enter the numbers manually.

At the end of the spring semester, students will receive new ID cards which should be far superior

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Hepatitis A continues spread on campus

By David H. Townsend
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Fall on the Hill always seems to bring its fair share of illnesses. This year, however, things have progressed beyond the usual stuffy nose and fever. According to Director of Student Health Services, Lucille McDermott there have been six cases of confirmed hepatitis A among the student body since the beginning of classes.

While students have become very concerned with such reports, McDermott stresses that such cases are quite common in small communities, and Hepatitis A is, "not something to be overly worried about."

The name hepatitis is frightening to many because one strain of the virus, hepatitis B, is highly contagious and carries with it symptoms much more severe than its more docile cousin. McDermott wanted to stress that the virus at Hamilton was hepatitis A.

Three cases of the virus have occurred recently, and have caused some students to call the cases an outbreak.

"This is definitely not an outbreak," said McDermott.

The Oneida County Health Department has been in contact with the Health Center at Hamilton trying to find the source of the virus. The school is in the middle of testing all Bon Appetit Food Service workers, but as of Thursday afternoon, the source had not been identified.

Hepatitis A is a viral infection of the liver. The liver becomes tender and swollen, and bilirubin, a substance produced when the liver breaks down aged red blood cells, accumulates in the bloodstream.

If you have hepatitis A, the virus will be present in your blood and bowel movements for two to three weeks before any symptoms develop and for two to three weeks afterwards. During this time, the hepatitis A virus can infect anyone who handles anything contaminated by your blood or bowel movements. The virus is not airborne, nor can it be transmitted through saliva. The most common way of transmission is an oral-fecal route.

As McDermott said, "You cannot get hepatitis A from sitting in the same room with someone who is infected."

The Health Center is cautioning against sharing a common food source, like a bowl of popcorn, where people serve themselves with their hands. The best prevention for the virus is good personal hygiene.

The symptoms for any type of hepatitis may include jaundice, weakness, loss of appetite, nausea, brownish or tea-colored urine, abdominal discomfort, and whitish bowel movements. Not all of the symptoms will necessarily appear. How ill a person with the virus feels varies from case to case. According to McDermott, some students will feel ill while others won't. "Some people will have it without ever knowing it."

For one infected student, hepatitis has become more of an annoyance than a threat. The student described the symptoms as similiar to mono, saying, "you feel tired all the time."

For those students who believe they have come in contact with an individual with hepatitis A, and would like to get tested, the Health Center will administer a blood test. Results from the tests arrive within two days. Additionaly, the Health Center may be able to give an immunization depending on the time of exposure, and the progression of the virus in the person carrying the virus.

If someone already has the virus, the best way to get rid of it is bed rest, and progressive activity as they feel better. Alcohol should not be consumed by someone with hepatitis A, however once recovered, there is no restriction on reasonable alcohol consumption. A person can only get hepatitis A once because the body develops a natural immunity to it.

SC's Becker gives warming warning

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As a result of this increase in temperature, more floods and droughts are projected in the coming years. Just last year, for example, there was a heat wave in Chicago that killed over 700 people. Weather is also expected to change as storms become heavier and last longer than usual. Natural disasters such as hurricanes are also beginning to cause more damage than usual, a phenomena that researchers believe to be caused by an increased amount of energy that comes from higher water temperatures. Though there is no proof that these events are effects of global warming, scientists and environmentalists feel that the evidence points in that direction.

Global warming also affects on the health of people. With the increased temperature of the Earth, insects that carry harmful diseases such as Malaria are beginning to migrate from the tropics into other parts of the world. Recently in the United States, there have been outbreaks of such diseases as malaria in Texas and other parts of the country.

Becker states that this is probably the most severe environmental problem that we will face, so what is it that people can do to help? The key to curbing the problems is to get active. One way to do that is to write to Congress people and put pressure on governmental officials to take the problem seriously. As far as steps to reduce the use of energy, people can use compact fluorescent light bulbs which last ten times longer than regular ones and cut down on electricity. On a larger scale, we can use cars and other appliances that are more energy efficient and do not "guzzle" gasoline. Becker also says that it is necessary to back out of coal and oil use and perfect the use of solar energy.

There is much dispute over the subject of global warming. The leaders of industry, especially the production of coal and automobiles like to disagree with environmentalists and proclaim that global warming does not exist. Extensive research by scientists, however, have uncovered patterns of problems that have been developing in the Earth's weather system, and have been able to link them to the increased temperature. Although it is a tough thing to prove, evidence points in the direction of the theory of global warming, and according to Becker, people of any age and background can become involved in the fight against environmental pollutants.

Both parties feel Novak's heat

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Clinton has an "abiding faith in government to solve our problems," and that he has "an administration of professional politicians that believe in government."

Novak talked about the "strategic plan" that President Clinton's former adviser Dick Morris devised so the President would be reelected. Novak said the President stole all the Republican slogans, including reducing the deficit, down-sizing the government, and lowering taxes.

"Take things Republicans are proposing that look like they might be painful and demonize them," he said, referring to another Democratic re-election strategy. Novak also said instead of proposing a few massive programs, the Democrats tried to create many little government programs to make the American people dependent on the government.

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Robert Novak.

When Novak turned his speech to the 1996 Election, even the Republicans weren't safe from his criticism. "The President and the Democrats had an ally at winning the Presidency: the Republican Party," he said. According to him, one mistake the Republicans made was that they nominated Bob Dole for President, who, in his opinion, was "a lousy presidential candidate."

Novak said the Republicans appeared to underestimate their opponent and they made a tactical error in closing down the Government this past year. They were also obsessed with balancing the budget. Novak, who is a fiscal conservative and an advocate for the flat tax and lower government spending, said his favorite president of this century was Ronald Reagan and his second favorite president was Calvin Coolidge.

"The Republicans failed to realize how distressed Americans are at the money they are paying to the federal government," said Novak. "The issue is the whole tax system that begins with the first paycheck." He complained that the current tax system hurts the working people and young people in this country, and said Bob Dole should have adopted Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes's flat tax plan.

Continuing with the issue of the economy, Novak went after one of his favorite targets. "The IRS is arrogant, bullying, unreasonable— whether you're making $3,000 a year or $30,000 a year."

Novak then criticized the Republicans for not being the party of reform. He pointed out some of the Republicans's shortcomings: failing to pass campaign reform, not changing the Congressional pension system, and not passing term limits.

After his speech, Novak took questions and made some predictions concerning the political world. "President Clinton is wanting to move to the center with a Congress who's investigating him for a million and one things," he said. He predicted that there would be indictments handed down by Judge Kenneth Starr, Whitewater Independent Prosecutor, and he also predicted an economic recession in the near future.

When one looks at the American presidents we have had, Novak said in closing, "they're a pretty mediocre bunch." He said many of them were unintelligent, imperceptible and a few "came close to wrecking the country."

"And yet we have survived," said Novak. "We've done damn well despite our politics and politicians."

HAMILTON COLLEGE

NEWS BRIEFS

On-line book recycling offered

Book Recycling announces a new on line service for students to buy and sell used text books. Books are listed on the world wide web which can be accessed 24 hours a day. Students can now eliminate book store mark ups by buying from and selling to fellow students. They currently buy used books at inflated prices, and are offered next to nothing when selling their books back to the store. Now they can save money when buying and get a better return when selling. We are helping to reduce the cost of higher education. Book Recycling, the Student Book Exchange, is on the world wide web at www.bookrecycling.com and can be e-mailed at bookworm@bookrecycling.com. *—Spectator Staff*

$1000 Raised for Oxfam

Thank you to all the students who sacrificed meals for the benefit of Oxfam America.

Approximately four hundred students donated their meal plan equivalency to help fight world hunger. Thursday, November 21 was Oxfam Fast for America Day, where people around the world symbolically recognize the problem of world hunger by not eating for an entire day. Although most did not fast, Hamilton College students did participate by signing off the meal plan for some or all of their meals, and donating the money to Oxfam, an international grassroots organization whose aim is the implementation of long-term solutions to poverty and hunger. Close to $1000 was raised in this event, and HAVOC extends a large THANK YOU to all the students who participated.

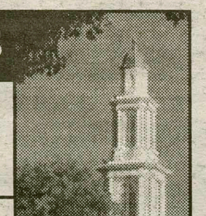
Bon Appetit was instrumental in facilitating the sign-off, and figuring out the proportion of equivalency they were able to extract from each meal's value. Oxfam Fast for America was part of HAVOC's promotion of Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. The next event will take place Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. in Dwight Lounge, where HAVOC will host a hunger banquet. Speakers will relate their experiences with homelessness following a dinner in which guests will randomly feast on a typical high, middle, or low income meal, proportionate to their occurrence in the world today. Everyone is welcome. *—Todd Ritter '97*

RHC hosts Teacher Appreciation Day

On Monday, November 25, the Residence Hall Council (RHC) will be hosting the first annual Teacher Appreciation Day reception. This reception will be held in the Fillius Events Barn from 4-5 p.m. This informal gathering of teachers and students will provide an opportunity for the students and faculty to get to know one another on a different level. Through attendance of this reception students will be acknowledging the countless hours of dedication put forth by the teachers both in and outside of the classroom.

This reception attempts to recognize the fact that students are interested in their teachers as people and not just as those who teach for a few hours a week and that's it. The RHC is a council of representatives of those all living in the residence halls. It essentially involves all those who wish to become active in their community. This council serves as a liaison between the residence hall and the administration in an effort to improve residential living at Hamilton. Everyone is encouraged to attend the faculty appreciation gathering to celebrate faculty dedication to all the students here at Hamilton. Please come join the students and faculty. *—Suzanne Dougherty '00*

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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U of Colorado at Boulder considering massage service

If the Colorado state legislature approves an addition to the student health center at UC, faculty and staff soon might have the opportunity to receive massages at an inexpensive rate paid for by the university. The program proposes to recruit students and supervisors from the 20 year-old Boulder School of Massage Therapy to develop their own specialty department.

"We have been looking into [massage] because a lot of people are uptight," said Sue Husler, the director of specialty and nursing services at Wardenburg, the student health center. "It will help relieve tensions. With the fast pace in the world, everyone is uptight."

Hustler said Wardenburg is aiming for the first part of December to begin the program for students and eligible faculty and staff. Students from the massage therapy school will spend up to an hour and 15 minutes with clients.

Along with back pains, massage can also be used for headaches and can sometimes help insomnia. Sports massages for injuries or tightness related to exercise is also popular.

Massage therapy school students who will work as practicing therapists at Wardenburg will be in the final two quarters of a four-quarter program that requires 1,000 hours of massage practice to be licensed.

The projected price of $25 for an hour and 15 minutes will not be covered by Wardenburg student health insurance this year, since it was not written in this year's proposal. Pending state approval, students, faculty and staff may be able to get a massage next month to relieve the stress of finals.

Cook College holds wine appreciation class

Most schools across the country try hard to encourage students not to consume alcohol, yet Cook College is not included in that list. The Department of Entomology is offering Wine Insights, a class on wine appreciation. The class has been offered for four years during both the fall and spring semesters. The one-credit course is open only to seniors who are over the age of 21.

"I only admit 60 students," said Professor Lena Brattsen, who teaches the course. "But I usually get a lot more than that to register for the course."

Students who anticipate the class as a way to get drunk will be surprised to learn that most of the classes are 55-minute lectures in which no wine is present. The actual wine tasting occurs just twice.

"I invite the students to two tastings where I serve six wines or more," Brattsen said. "We discuss the wines in great detail. For each of the tastings the student had to pay $12, but the tasting is not required in order to pass the course."

Because a "taste" is only 1 1/2 ounces of wine, Brattsen said it is not enough to actually "get drunk on." For those wondering why Wine Insights is being offered in the entomology department, the course's professor, Brattsen, is a prominent teacher of insects at Cook College located in New Jersey.

Brattsen hopes that when students leave her class they will be able to understand wine. "Students should know what they're talking about. This class makes it easier for people not only to taste wine and recognize the value of wine, but also possibly to come up with good wine and food combinations," she said.

Duke deals with computer theft

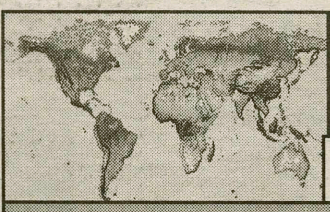
Duke University, experiencing a three-month trend of computer thefts at various locations on the campus, ranging from their medical center to different libraries, is considering new security measures to bring this to an end.

Two laptop computers were stolen Nov. 12 from the Fuqua School of Business in the latest in the string of thefts. Two visitors to the school left their computers in a room at about 12:15 p.m., said Maj. Robert Dean of the Duke University Police Department, and returned at about 1:15 p.m. to find that the laptops bad been stolen.

Dean said that the total value of the 25 computers stolen in the past three months has come to $70,000. "This is a case where you don't want to overlook anybody," Dean said. He added that students, employees, visitors and outsiders could all possibly be responsible for the computer theft. While a majority of the computers stolen have been laptops, desktops have also been taken out of students rooms.

Some buildings are undertaking additional security measures as a result of the crimes. Colleen Tjalma, building manager at Fuqua, said that the school has submitted a proposal that would provide for the installation of more key-card access entrances and additional security devices.

WORLD NEWS



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Hundreds of Haitian refugees missing when journey to America goes awry

PETIT-GOAVE, Haiti - At least 290 people who set out clandestinely in a leaky sailboat with hopes of a better life in Florida are missing and feared drowned. "I can't believe God is so hard-hearted that he would let my whole family perish," Natasha Chery, 35, said Wednesday in Petit-Goave, 40 miles west of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. Chery has not heard from dozens of relatives, including her brother and sister, since they sailed from nearby Trou Chou-Chou on Nov. 3 aboard "L'Ange Gabriel," the Angel Gabriel, a 63-foot motorized wooden sailboat. Such trips usually take up to a week and, on arrival, Haitians normally contact relatives in Florida. From 1991 to 1994, tens of thousands of Haitian boat people fled political repression under the military regime that had ousted then-President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. In part to stem the exodus, the United States sent troops to Haiti, and they restored democracy in 1994. But Haiti's economy has not recovered and down-and-out Haitians have resumed their efforts to reach Florida. Last year, the U.S. Coast Guard picked up 1,980 Haitian boat people at sea. (Associated Press)

Belgians shocked by series of government sex and graft scandals

BRUSSELS - For some, it is a witch hunt. For others, it is a long overdue cleanup of government vice and corruption. Sex and graft scandals have hit seemingly everyone in power in recent weeks, from the vice-premier down to the local police chief, leaving Belgians with one big question: what's the kingdom coming to? Socialist Vice Premier Elio Di Rupo is accused of having sex with underage boys. In southern, French-speaking Belgium, another child sex investigation is under way against a regional minister. Di Rupo calls the allegations against him "a true witch hunt" and "McCarthyism of the worst kind." On Wednesday, a special parliamentary committee ruled that the allegations against him were not backed up by evidence. Corruption scandals in recent months have implicated three government ministers, regional ministers, opposition politicians, leading judges, police officials and mayors. "The public wants to see heads roll," Socialist Party chairman Louis Tobback said. (Associated Press)

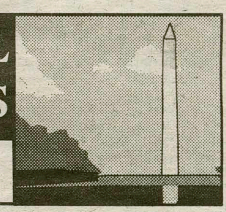
Fire forces closure of "Chunnel"

CALAIS, France - A fire aboard a train carrying trucks inside Europe's Channel Tunnel forced the evacuation of 34 people and put eight of them in the hospital suffering from smoke inhalation, two of which are in serious condition. The fire, which occurred 17 km (10 miles) from the French mouth of the tunnel, was brought under control after a night-long struggle by firefighters from both sides of the English Channel. A British firefighter described the scene: "Firefighters are basically having to feel their way along the tunnel and they can only stay down there for a maximum of 10 minutes before we have to bring them back because of the heat." The accident forced the closure of the tunnel and was the worst since the 51 km (32 mile) undersea rail link between France and Britain opened two years ago. For two days the "Chunnel" remained closed but freight trains were allowed to resume their routes on Thursday once the disabled train was removed. The accident also created a major headache for the thousands of passengers who cross under the Channel each day; passenger service is scheduled to resume "sometime soon" according to French state-owned railway SNCF. (Reuter)

Russian space probe crashes near Chile

SANTIAGO - Chilean officials were apparently caught completely off-guard by the crash of the Russian "Mars 96" probe in the South Pacific about 720 nautical miles from Chile's Easter Island. The Russian probe, which was launched Saturday, was supposed to be going to Mars as part of a multinational venture to the Red Planet. The probe's trip was cut short when the rocket carrying it misfired, stranding it in the Earth's gravitational field. The probe plunged into the Pacific between Easter Island and the Chilean mainland. Most of the satellite burned up on reentry but some of it probably survived, including four tiny canisters containing enough plutonium to cause hundreds of cases of cancer if it were to come in contact with people. Officials reassured Chileans they had nothing to fear since the radioactive plutonium three miles down at the ocean floor. (Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS



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U.S. 8th graders ranked in math, science

WASHINGTON - American eighth graders ranked 28th in math tests given to students in 41 nations, far behind Asian countries at the top of the list. The U.S. students made it into the top half in science, ranking 17th. The reason the United States lags in math scores isn't too little homework or too much TV in this country but the way math is taught here, experts suggested. Teachers in Japan, where students ranked third in both subjects, actually assign less math and science homework than U.S. instructors, according to the Third International Mathematics and Science Study released Wednesday. Japanese students say they watch just as much television as their peers in America. And they spend about the same amount of time studying math and science. "The issue is not simply class time, or the amount of homework, or too much television, as important as these things are," Education Secretary Richard Riley said. He said America must reexamine the way it teaches math and raise academic standards to help prepare students for tomorrow's jobs and provide a foundation for future economic success. The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics has been working since the late 1980s to develop and persuade teachers to implement new math teaching standards. The study, which included videotapes of math classes in the United States, Germany and Japan, indicated that Japanese teachers already were doing a better job implementing the kind of reforms the council advocates. In the United States and Germany, students are taught procedures for solving practice math problems, said Jim Stigler, who directed the classroom videotape study. In Japan, the goal is conceptual understanding, he said. The study was conducted by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement. (Associated Press)

Nixon: "Break in and take it out!"

SAN FRANCISCO - Recently released audio tapes capture President Nixon ordering his top aide, a year before the Watergate burglary, to break into the Brookings Institution and steal the liberal think tank's files on Vietnam, the *San Francisco Examiner* reported Thursday. The newspaper quoted from audio tapes of a conversation between Nixon and White House Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman, part of 201 hours of private tapes released this week by the National Archives. During a June 30, 1971, Oval Office conversation, Nixon asked Haldeman to take the institution's files relating to the Vietnam War, the *Examiner* said. According to a partial transcript provided by the newspaper, Nixon said, "The way I want that handled, Bob, is through another way. I want Brooking—just to break in. Break in and take it out! You understand?" Haldeman responded, "But who do we have to do it?" Nixon fired back, "Well, don't discuss it here. You talk to...you're to break into the place, rifle the files, and bring me," Nixon responded, according to the newspaper's transcript. The transcript provides hard evidence for Nixon's well-known interest in the liberal think tank. Upon being read a copy of the tape transcript, Henry Kissinger, Nixon's National Security Advisor, replied, "Nixon often said exalted things that people didn't think would be done." (Associated Press)

Chicago bids farewell to Bernardin

CHICAGO - It was a very long goodbye, and it had to be. For three days, all of Chicago, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, seemed to be bidding farewell to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, whispering one last prayer and blinking away a final tear for a soft-spoken religious leader whose life and death touched so many. Starting Monday, more than 100,000 people wound day and night past the cardinal's open coffin in Holy Name Cathedral, a procession interrupted by a series of memorial services conducted not only by Roman Catholic clerics but also by leaders of other denominations and even other religions. And it was not just Chicago that grieved for its archbishop, who died of cancer last Thursday at the age of 68. Wednesday, in final ceremonies that rivaled any major state funeral, a cathedral full of religious and civic dignitaries, including Vice President Al Gore and personal representatives of Pope John Paul II, commended to God a churchman whose personality and leadership transcended class, race and even creed. Again and again, Chicagoans this week have talked of an encouraging note or word they got from the cardinal, or simply of the example he set in meeting his own suffering. Although Cardinal Bernardin will be most remembered for his dedication to uniting Chicago, a city of dozens of different cultures and religions, perhaps it was the Cardinal himself who best summed up his legacy: "The things people remember most are small acts of concern and thoughtfulness." (New York Times)

Campus card becomes powerful tool

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to the current cards. The cards will have digital photos and will be printed using a new process that does not require lamination so the new cards will be more durable.

Gradually, over the coming years, new features will become available for card holders besides entrance to dining facilities. The card will function as a debit card, similar to the Al-Ham card, where students would deposit money into an account. However, the new card will be accepted beyond the College Store.

Campus vending machines will accept funds from the card for food and drinks, doing laundry will no longer involve extensive searching for quarters, and the Vendacard system, currently used for copies, laser printing, and other library printing, will be supplanted as well.

An even more exciting feature of the new system will be the ability of off-campus businesses to link with the Hamilton system and accept the debit card as payment. This is made possible by the Special Funds software included in the system.

Espe said that, in the future, students could potentially call a local food delivery establishment, order food, and pay with the Hamilton card. Theoretically, many local businesses could eventually accept the card, thus allowing for shopping locally without worrying about cash.

However, New York state law prohibits the sale of alcohol when the beverages are being paid by a third party source, Espe said. Since the money would be coming to the businesses from Hamilton, alcohol could not be purchased using the card. This is in accordance with the College's current policy which prohibits students from using an Al-Ham card to buy alcoholic beverages at the Little Pub. The card can be used to purchase tobacco products because state regulations have no "third party" rule.

Espe emphasized that these changes will occur over time, and assured that the new system is a good choice for the College. "The system has all of the features the students want. It is also less expensive to install this new system that it would be to upgrade the current system," she said.

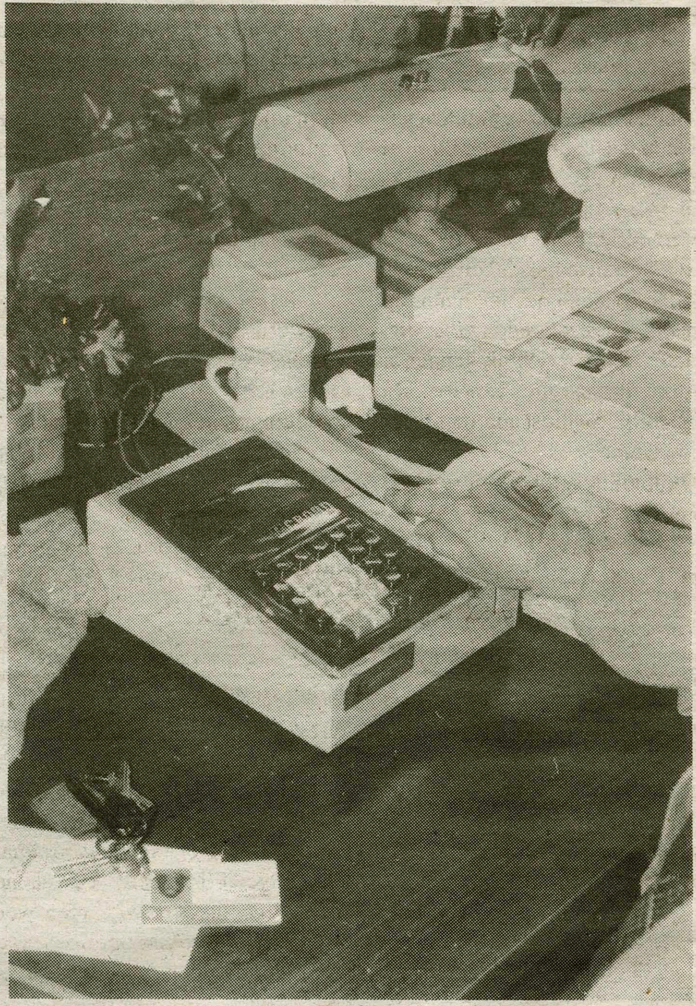
> **"It just eliminates the hassle of dealing with cash."**
> **—Liz Micci '99**
> **"It's good that businesses downtown would use it, and the Pub too,"**
> **—Bejan Shirvani '99**

Students seem optimistic about the possibilities for this new system. "Although I wouldn't use it—I'd rather deal with everything in cash—there are a lot of people on this campus who it would benefit," said Bejan Shirvani '99. "It's good that businesses downtown would use it, and the Pub too," he said.

"I'm graduating this spring," said Ben Lathrop '97, "but I wish we had something like this when I was a freshman." Liz Micci '99 said, "I hope it works at Roma's. It just eliminates the hassle of dealing with cash."

John McNaughton '99 expressed some concern. "Nothing is stopping someone from taking your card to do laundry," he said. "They can't check your picture there."

Overall, students could benefit immensely from this new system. Nearly everything on the Hill and even businesses in town will have "one-stop shopping" for Hamilton students.



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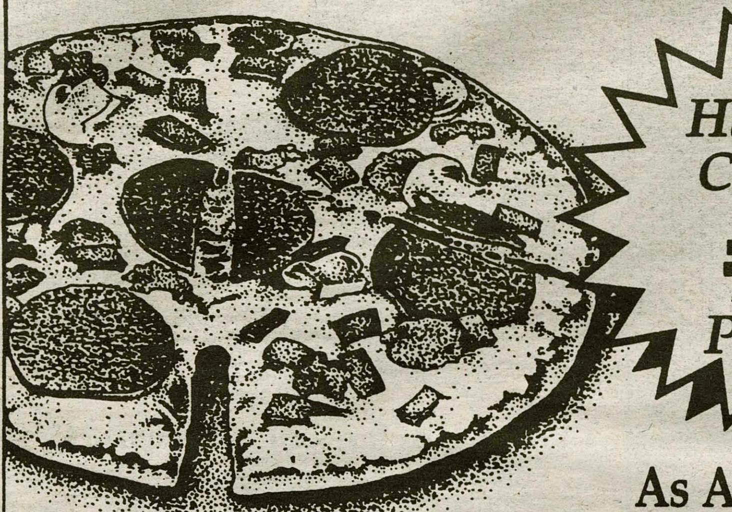

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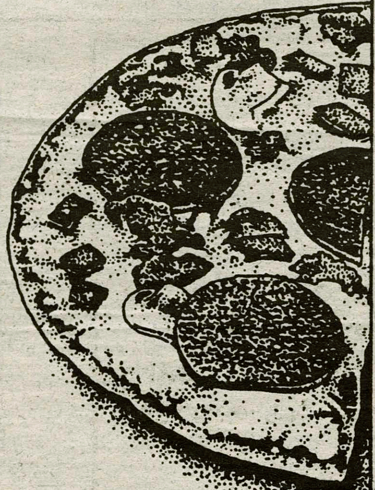

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Colleges, universities include men's studies courses

By Peter Gaston '99
News Editor

NEWS ANALYSIS

Gender issues have found a permanent place in the curriculum of Hamilton College. Classes exploring gender roles exist in almost every department, and the Department of Women's Studies lists 32 courses in the College Catalogue, not including "related courses offered in other disciplines." When we think gender at Hamilton, at least in a context of a gender study, we most automatically think feminine.

Well, think again. According to a November 17 article in *The Washington Post*, colleges across the nation are beginning to discuss and debate men. Some college officials attribute this rise in the academic study of men to other current trends in American culture, evidenced by best-selling books on men's issues, events like the Million Man March earlier this year, and groups like Promise Keepers, a national group urging men to live their lives based on spirituality. Others see it as a reactionary approach to the rise of women's studies on college campuses.

Regardless of the reasons, men's studies are appearing around the land. Hobart College, for example, offers a course called "Theories of Masculinity." The course curriculum includes Robert Bly poetry, films ranging from *Deliverance* to *City Slickers*, and other academic sources. When a parent tells his/her son, "You're a man now," does the son know what this means? This course tries to take on this question.

> "When a parent tells his/her son, "You're a man now," does the son know what this means?"

A look at the course description for Women's Studies 101: Introduction to Women's Studies reveals that students will encounter "an interdisciplinary investigation of past and present views of women and their roles, treatment and experiences in institutions and areas such as the family, the state, the work force, language and sexuality...theories of feminism and of women's studies discussed."

Similarly, the budding men's studies endeavors include similar subject matter. Some courses, considered "more academic" by the *Post* article, deal with the evolution of masculinity through history. Other institutions are directing their attention to issues that directly affect the male college student of today such as relationships, homosexuality, and rape.

Replace the feminine adjectives and words in the course description, and these men's studies courses seem to be a mirror image of their female counterparts in means and ends.

So why is there a mixed reaction to the rise of such courses? While some women's studies programs around the country are welcoming the added men's courses, others fear that the establishment of men's studies "is in part a hostile reaction to feminism or the strides women are continuing to make in the work place," the article related.

Women certainly had many hurdles to clear on their way to equality, a plateau that many feel has not been reached. Certainly, men were responsible for the oppression of women throughout time. However, few would argue that the study of men as an academic undertaking would lead to any reversal of the progress made by women throughout time.

Women were not even considered in the theories of many famous minds. As recently as 1880, Schoppenhauer said that women lacked the faculties to partake in the intellectual tradition of the West. Modern philosophy has supplanted much of the thinking about women proposed by these pre-feminism writers.

However, as a response, women have lashed out against their male oppressors, and who has answered? On what basis would men respond? These are the gaps that a men's studies program would hope to fill.

Although these new courses have been designed for men, women have shown an interest as well. The Hobart class is equally divided between men and women. The *Post* article affirms that such courses are not "coping sessions or chest-thumping affirmations of manhood." Just as men attend women's studies courses to look inside the world of their feminine counterparts, women have seemed just as interested in doing the same in men's studies courses.

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Serious courses are also trying to distance themselves from the overblown happiness expressed in today's literature directed at improving male pride. Roles in our society are changing more than ever, and it seems time men took a look at what being a man in the world today really means. The image of men is in decline, say some professors spearheading these new curricula. Men need a constructive outlet to express emotions and understand the history, psychology, and philosophy behind being a man.

Perhaps, future Hamilton College Catalogues will include courses in men's studies, or even list a department called Gender Studies, a combination of both women's studies and men's studies. Our campus has experienced its share of gender issues, and perhaps a balance of academic explorations of gender would alleviate some of these tensions.

The Washington Post article is available at the Post's on-line site: www.washingtonpost.com

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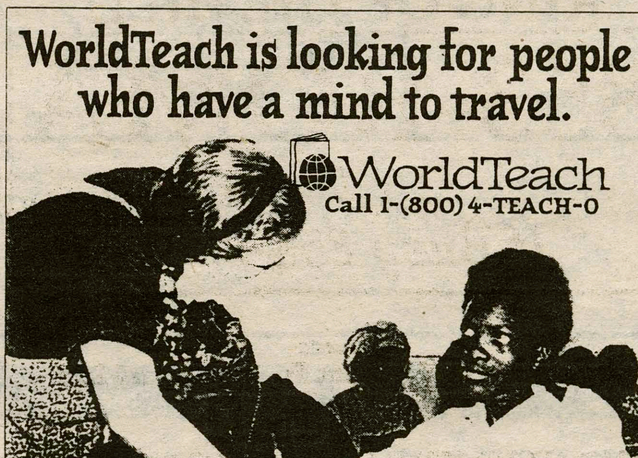
Spring term tourguide applications are available now in the Admission Office. All interested students are encouraged to apply. Interviews will take place in early December. Deadline for applying is Tuesday, November 27!



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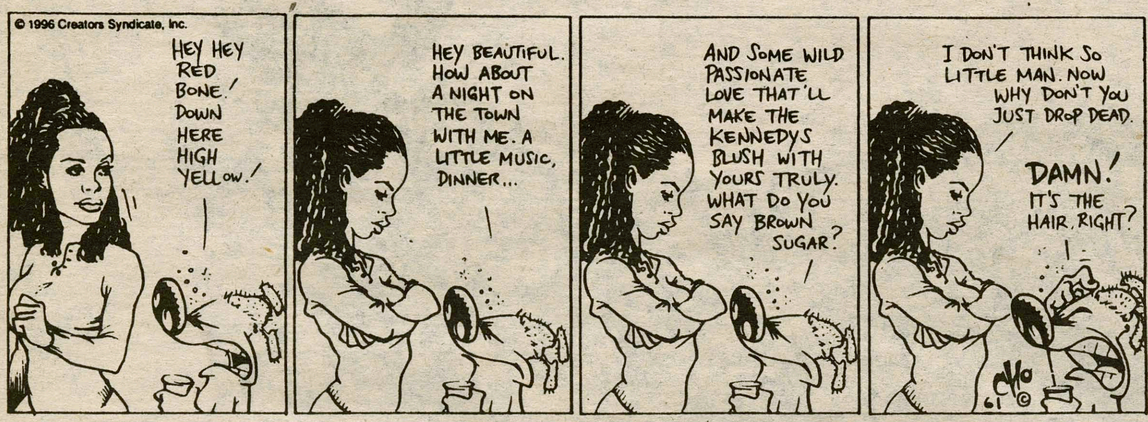

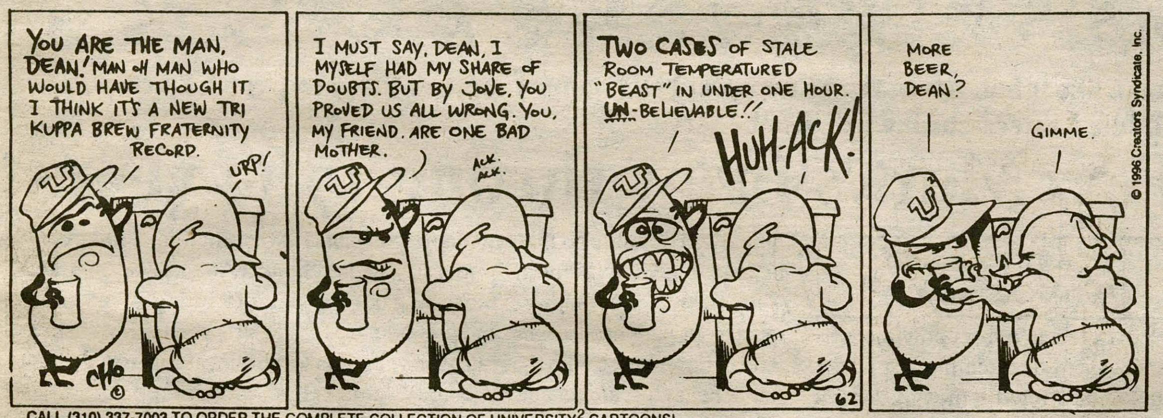

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SECURITY BLOTTER

- compiled by Joe Freeman '00

November 15

7:45AM- Security discovered extensive lawn damage on the Golf Course and at the Griffin Rd. Apartments.
6:20PM- A case of disorderly conduct was reported in Commons.
7:15PM- Security found someone in possession of stolen property in Dunham.
9:30PM- An alcohol violation was discovered in Carnegie.
10:56PM- HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in McEwen.
11:25PM- A smoke detector triggered a fire alarm in Dunham.

November 16

12:45AM- HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in Carnegie.
12:50AM- Security quelled a noise complaint and confscated bulk alcohol in Carnegie.
4:33AM- Maintenance repaired the heating system in Saunders House, which inexpicably shut down.
5:08PM- HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in the Alumni Gym.
8:15PM- Burnt food triggered the fire alarm at Griffin Rd.

November 17

1:30AM- Security investigated a case of vandalism in Dunham.
11:15AM- HCEMS responded to a medical emergency on South Campus.
5:20PM- A case of vandalism and larceny was reported in Macintosh.

November 18

8:10PM- A case of vandalism was reported in Carnegie November 19
12:34AM- A mysterious fire alarm was triggered in C. Johnson.
9:15AM- Another fire alarm went off in C. Johnson.
10:40AM- A case of larceny was reported at Bundy Dining Hall.
7:35PM- The intruder alarm was triggered at Alpha Delta Phi House.
8:24PM- A mysterious fire alarm was triggered in Minor.

November 21

2:33AM- A power surge caused a fire alarm in Bienecke.

Hot Arabian Night hopes to heat Hamilton's frigid days

By Matt Kane '99
FEATURES WRITER

This Saturday evening at 9:00 pm, the Middle Eastern Union will be hosting its annual Arabian Night celebration in the Emerson Literary Society building. The night will include traditional Middle Eastern food, music, and dance, and is available to the entire Hamilton community and general public alike.

The purpose of the event is "to expose people to traditional Middle Eastern culture," according to Omaima Ataya '98, head of the MEU. Ataya also wants the community to see that the Middle East is "about more than just war and terrorism." She sees the evening as a chance to provide a window into Middle Eastern culture with particular attention to its traditional celebrations.

Music, food, and dance are all integral parts of these joyous celebrations. The event's music will be provided by a local band from New Hartford, led by John Massoud. Karem's Bakery will supply a wide variety of Middle Eastern foods, and the evening's main entertainment will be a belly dancer.

While belly dancing is often thought to be an erotic or seductive dance, its modern usage focuses more towards a pure form of entertainment. The most important function of a belly dancer at an event such as the MEU's Arabian Night is to get the crowd involved in the festivities. The dancer often pulls members of the audience from the crowd and on to the dance floor in order to invigorate the rest of the audience.

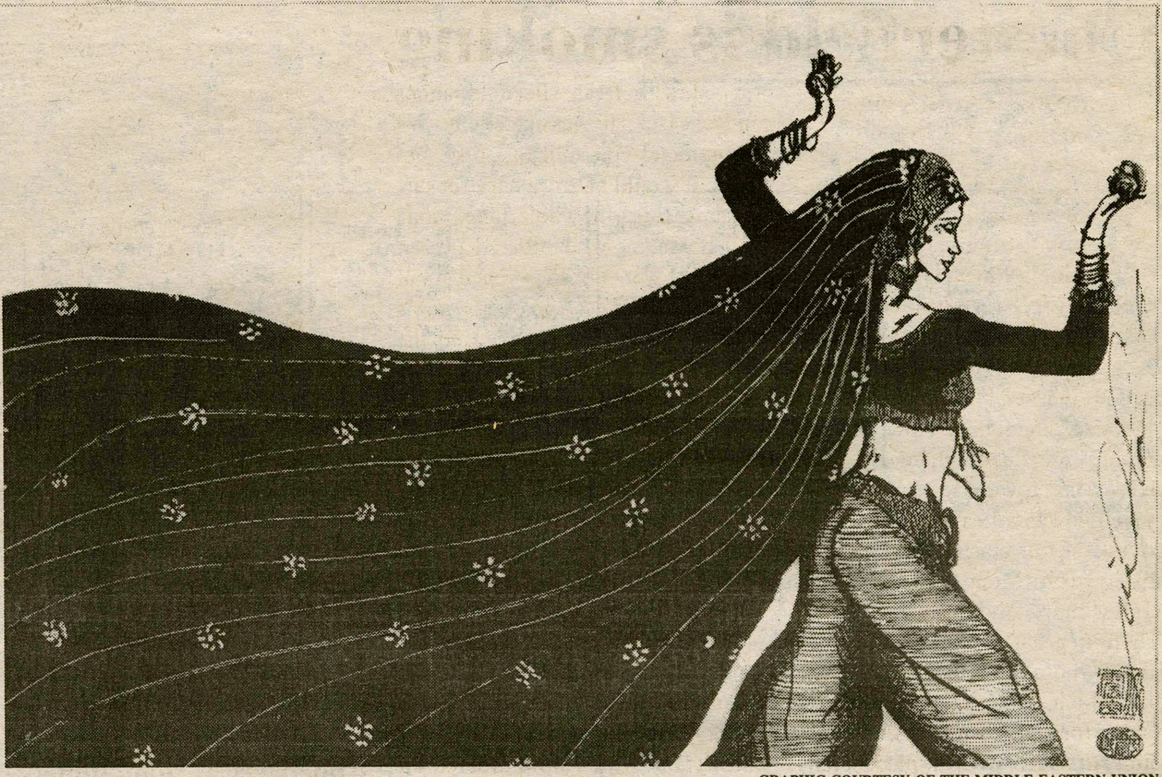
The belly dance is also an important expression of Middle Eastern culture. It is thought to have originated among the Bedouin nomads inhabiting the deserts in what is now Egypt. Many elements of the dance, such as the emphasis on hip and torso rather than foot movements, are reflective of the desert environment in which the dance was invented. The serpent-like waving of the arms and torso in the dance may have been influenced by the area's many desert-dwelling snakes.

The history of the dance in fascinating as well. It was introduced into many Middle Eastern cultures by gypsies, and its early performers were often held in low regard by society. The dance itself has under gone many changes that mimic changes in Middle Eastern culture, and upon a deeper look it is clear that the dance is a reflection of a thousand years of Middle Eastern culture and history.

While the dancer will provide the main entertainment of the evening, it is certainly not the only focus. Arabian Night also provides students a chance to learn about the MEU. The organization was resurrected last year after several years of inactivity. The Arabian Night celebration was the group's main event of last year. It cosponsors other events, such as film viewings, but focuses its resources on the celebration.

"We hope it will become an annual Hamilton tradition, that's why we put so much attention into it," says Ataya. Ataya hopes that this event can introduce the MEU to the student body. She stresses that it is not a political organization, but rather a assembly of students who hope to bring some Middle Eastern tradition and culture to their Hamilton lives.

The group has had a lot of help getting the Arabian Night project off the ground. The President's Office, the ISA, the Asian Cultural Society, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs are cosponsoring the event. Tickets are $2 for Hamilton students, $3 for faculty, and $5 for the general public.



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Some like it hot, hot hot! The mystical belly dance promises to heat up the ELS basement. Middle Eastern cuisine will also be served.

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F.X. Matt's brew through the years

By Will Warren '97
FEATURES WRITER

As I recalled from previous visits, I wanted to catch the last of the daily tours offered at the F.X. Matt's Brewery, as that particular tour always, in my memory, included a special unwritten policy which could prove highly rewarding. As a freshman, I participated half a dozen times in the farcical ritual of touring the brewery. At that time a certain Hamilton student was employed by F.X. Matt's as a tour guide. On the last time through each day this particular guide was in the practice of allowing Hamilton students, providing that he knew them, to "sample" the wares of the brewery from 3:45 PM until he had to close the place at five. This was great fun, and for obvious reasons became a popular ritual among my group of friends, in addition to beer fans college-wide.

At that unripe age I could have appreciated the information imparted during the tour, but what I remember is that it was really of little interest to us. We rushed through the process, hoping to move things along as quickly as possible so that we might be able to begin "sampling" sooner. The tour was a formality which required our patience to listen and pretend to be attentive with the result for good behavior being all we could drink in an hour or so for three dollars. Like the opening ceremonies to any event, intriguing as such ceremonies might be, it was the main attraction that we were primarily concerned with. Our attitude was something along the lines of, " Look here boy, I don't care how the damn stuff is made, just give me one." It was under this strange prejudiced state that I entered upon my first brewery tour in two years.

I discovered that a few years of maturity and an article to write made the tour richly rewarding and loaded with fascinating nuggets of information. If you'll tolerate a digression I'd like to dazzle you with some astounding facts I assimilated from my tour. You might not be aware of the fact that despite being dismal in so many ways Utica is the home of the 12th ranked brewery in the nation. Saranac's producer is also predicted to rise in ranking as the corporation expands its distribution. Unlike competitor Samuel Adams who contracts out the manufacturing of its products, F.X. Matt's brews all its beer at its sole location which is not, despite general misconception, a microbrewery, but rather a full size brewery creating beer with microbrewery taste.

Francis Xavier Matt learned the skill of brewing beer in the Black Forest region of Deutschland and brought his wealth of knowledge to fruition in the Central New York area in 1888. Indeed the doors of the establishment stayed open and the vats-a-brewing continuously since that date, including the years of prohibition, when the product was changed to soft-drinks. On an amusing note, F. X. Matt's was the first brewery in the country to receive a liquor license after the repeal of prohibition, some 60 minutes following the signing of the 21st amendment. Six hours later Matt's was being sold on the street. You figure it out.

I was on this particular tour on my own, which is to say that no other

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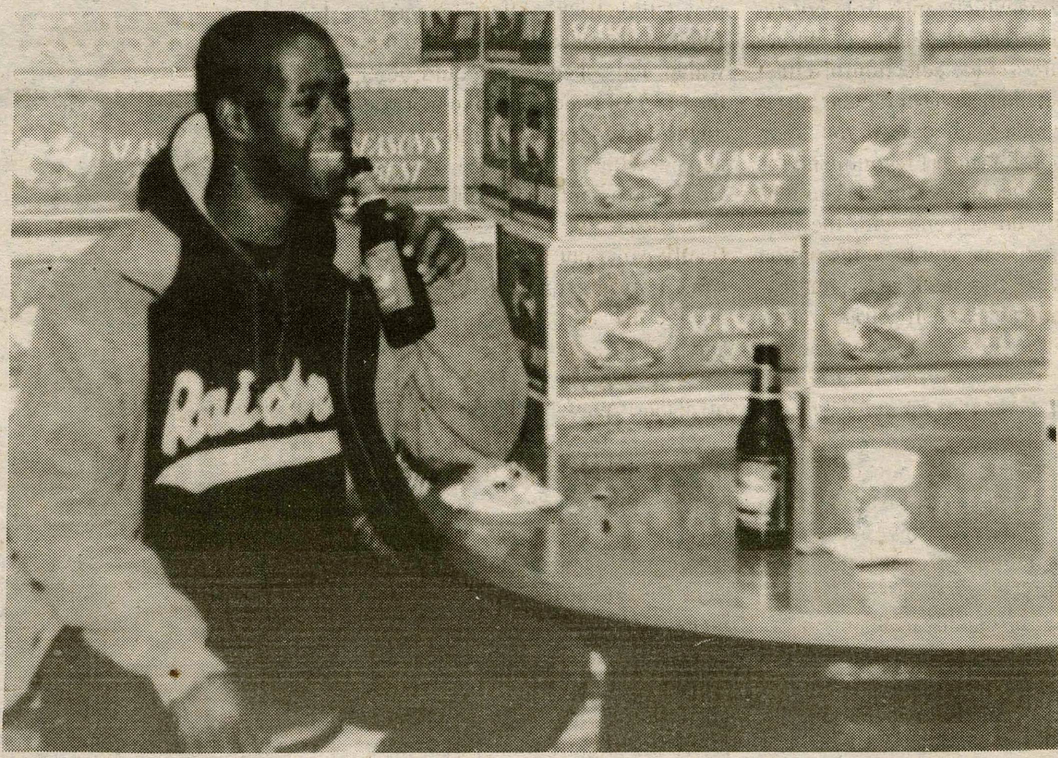

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To beer connoisseurs, Saranac is the "Season's Best" no matter what time of year. Samples of the malty treat are available to pilgrims who religiously trek to F.X. Matt's brewery located in downtown Utica.

Chesterfield is smoking

By Becca Savage '99 and Fiona Thomas '99
Features Writers

I am pleased to report that this week my dining experience at **Dominique's Chesterfield Restaurant** was very satisfying. This quaint Italian restaurant is located on Bleeker St. on the outskirts of Utica. Upon arrival, the neighborhood was very dark and abandoned. However, this feeling immediately changed as soon as I saw the crowded restaurant. There were more families and couples enjoying the fine cuisine than would be expected on a Monday evening. Several sections divide the restaurant. There is a bar in the front, a main dining room, and a larger function hall which at the time had been reserved for a large party. Each room is dimly lit which gives the place serene ambiance. The rest of the decor adds to the serenity with a pastel and light gray color scheme. The walls are half stone, half wall paper and are accented with lion sculptures and flowered sconces. In one of the walls there is an alcove which serves as a showcase for Italian statues. We certainly did not find any fake flowers on our table, only quaint wooden turkey decorations for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our server gets high marks for being helpful and polite. As soon as we were seated he promptly brought our menus, drinks and hot bread, which comes highly recommended by Fiona. I was impressed with how extensive the selections on the menu are since all the dishes are made freshly on the premises. There are 19 appetizers which range from *hot antipasto* to *Caesar salad*. For entrees there are a wide selection of either gourmet, homestyle or regular pastas from which to choose. If you are in the mood for meat I recommend the *chicken cacciatore*, but the options certainly do not end with the nine chicken dishes; you have the option of ten veal, five steak and seven seafood entrees as well. If you are watching your weight we recommend ordering *baked stuffed trout*, *herb roasted chicken* or *liti con pesce* off the "Fat Free Selections." Parents, do not worry; there are children's dishes ranging in price from $3.95 to $4.95. There are even separate "Children's Beverages" featuring drinks like *Minnie and Mickey Mouse*.

For an appetizer Shannon ordered the *spinach salad* which comes with bacon, olives, fetta cheese, tomatoes, red onions, mushrooms and balsamic vinegarette dressing. She gives good reviews but could not finish the large portion. Fiona and I split the *bruschett*, grilled Italian bread brushed with olive oil and garlic, topped with fresh sliced tomatoes and cheese. It was excellent. We recommend you split this dish, because it would be truly hard for one person to finish the whole thing. Fiona and Shannon, who ordered *cheese tortellini*, were not so psyched about their main courses. Apparently, it was the "real" chef's night off and the substitute did not know how long to cook pasta. Both of their dishes were slightly cold and definitely hard. Fiona's sauce was not what she expected. The waiter described quite a different pomodoro sauce than what she ended up with. On the other hand, I loved my *chicken cacciatore*, boneless breast of chicken topped with mushrooms, sweet peppers, onions, sherry, and a touch of marinara. Shannon also recommends the *chicken francasie* and the *veal parmigiana* which were ordered on her previous visit.

Dessert is where things got a little out of hand. Our waiter brought us a selection of homemade desserts from the dessert tray. He forewarned us that the *flourless chocolate cake* usually comes with raspberry sauce but they were out of it and would have to substitue a vanilla sauce. Nevertheless, Fiona and I both ordered the *flourless chocolate cake* and Shannon ordered the *cappucino chocolate cheese cake*. However, to our dismay the waiter brought Fiona and I the last and only piece of chocolate cake. This last piece, mysteriously had the raspberry sauce that he specifically told us they were out of. From this sauce we deduced that our piece of cake must have come from the dessert tray. So we decided to play a little trick. After Fiona and I finished our piece, I called a different waiter and asked if we could order the piece of chocolate cake that was on the dessert tray. This other waiter agreed without hesitation, but our waiter did not return from the kitchen for at least five minutes. When he finally came out he nervously gave some story about how the chef threw out the piece from the dessert tray and had already washed the dish, because they never serve anything off of the display. Nevertheless, Fiona and I know the truth but do not hold it against them, since the cake was well worth it.

Overall we three of us highly recommend **Dominique's Chesterfield Restaurant**. The food is well made and the portions are large enough to take home for next day leftovers. It is a great place to bring your parents when they visit, because prices are slightly higher than most restaurants in the area ranging from $5.95 to $16.95 (for entrees). Just make sure you do not go on a Monday - the "real" chef's night off!

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Desserts:	Sundae, Cake	est: $1.95-4.50
Ambiance:	Serene	
Service:	Overachieving	
Overall:	✔✔✔1/2	

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Appetizers at Dominique's Chesterfield are "tray bien."
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F.X. Matt's: Utica's 'berry' own brewery

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Hamilton folks were willing to venture into the beautiful city of downtown Utica with me (Imagine that! A great kid like me?) I was by no means alone on the tour, as the majority of the party consisted of a dozen or so old women from a Cornell exchange program who spoke only Polish and accordingly had to have the entire tour translated word for word. Surprisingly for me this really wasn't boring at all, but rather was so comical as to strike me as surreal.

The otherworldliness didn't end there. Indeed, throughout the tour I was struck with a kind of mystic wonder. The very notion of being in a beer factory, surrounded by tanks with 1600 barrels of aging and fermenting beer encased inside, filled me with a kind of McKenzie brother/*Strange Brew* awe. I did not appreciate this place in my younger years. So much history, so much tradition, so much beer. I have to say that the tour felt downright religious that afternoon. As one walks through the tour reception area one can absorb a richness and warmth from an arcane environment when refinement and aesthetics were valued and when the drinking of alcoholic beverages was a fitting reward to a job well done. I glanced oyer old Victorian and Edwardian period photographs of city workers, firemen, baseball players, policemen and others, all with large full frosty mugs of lager clenched proudly in their hands and I said, "Yes! This is good."

F. X. Matt's has upped its Saranac line to primary product status, and indeed three-quarters of their sales come from Saranac beers, a fact which makes sense if you've ever tasted Utica Club or Matt's Lager. All in all there are now twelve Saranac beers that are brewed. There are four standard brews: the original, Saranac Adirondack Amber, Golden Pilsner, Pale Ale, and Black and Tan. To this list is added on a seasonal basis: Wild Berry Wheat, Black Forest, Mountain Berry Ale, Chocolate Amber, Winter Wassail, Maple Porter, Saranac Stout, and Season's Best. The beers range in alcohol content from a 5.7% (Chocolate Amber, Black Forest) to a 4.7% (Mountain Berry Ale). The highest selling product brewed at F. X. Matt's is the Black and Tan which makes up some 40% of the company's Saranac sales. Right now you can purchase the entire line of Saranac beer in a special seasonal offer right now entitled the "Twelve Beers of Christmas," which is a twelve pack including a bottle of each brew. I purchased one after my tour, and would have bought more had I been near an ATM machine.

I am certain that the majority of Spectator readers have or will drink some Saranac in their Hamilton careers. Saranac is the best quality beer for your buck at the local convenience store, and is carried on draft by all the Taverns in town. We owe it to ourselves, ladies and gentlemen of bacchant persuasion, to venture out through the snow, down our little hill and into the decaying city of yesterday to partake in an observation of this historical site, to make pilgrimage to this Mecca of beer production.

While you may or may not wax as ecstatic as I did, (you may not catch the last tour either) it is still a trip well worth your time.

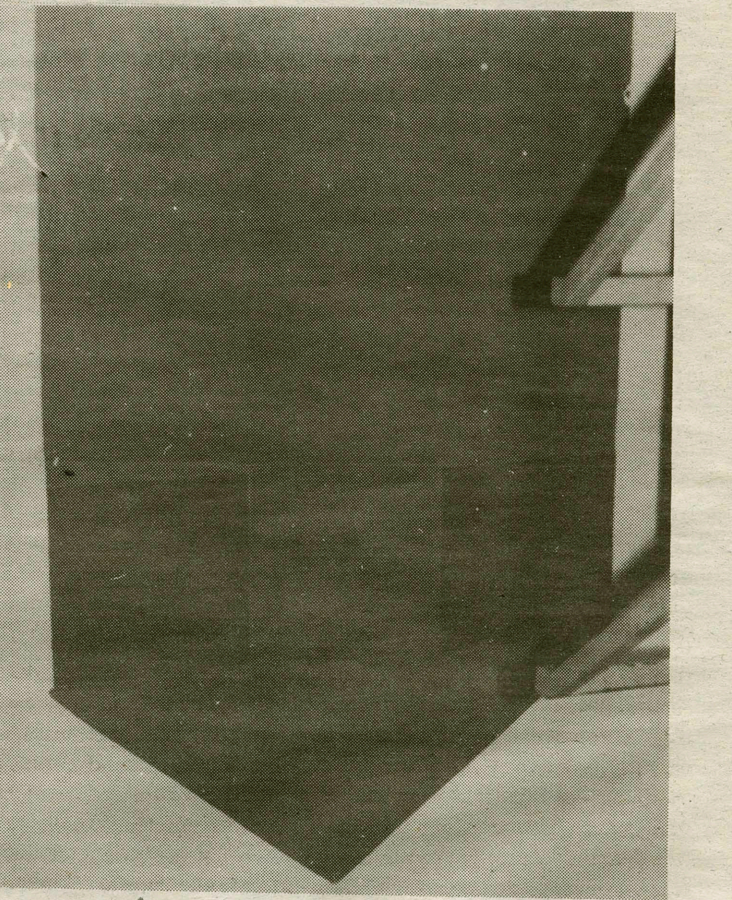
PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Wild Berry Wheat, Black Forest, Mountain Berry Ale, Chocolate Amber, Winter Wassail, Maple Porter, Saranac Stout, and Season's Best; The Brewery Shop's finest concoctions.

Dunham's very own bomb shelter

By Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES WRITER

An inspector from the Department of Civil Defense was recently spotted inspecting our very own bomb shelter in the basement of Dunham. In case you've been taking Hiroshima and you've been worried about the chances of a militia dropping the bomb on our picturesque campus, here is the location of the bomb shelter entrance. You go down the stairs next to the parking lot and the football field and follow the hall past the furnace room. Look up on your left and you'll find a big rectangular entrance to the catacombs of the Cold War. Hidden behind the door is a metal folding chair you have to stand on in order to reach the entrace. This is a precaution that was taken to prevent communist spies posing as foreign exchange students from finding the bomb shelter, although this also entailed never informing any foreign exchange students of its location. At present, members of the Civil Defense Bureau are so embarrassed at the condition of the shelter that they have taken the added precaution of hiding the existence of the shelter from the entire student body to prevent communist spy foreign exchange students from taking pictures of it to put on billboards in their home countries.



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These idiosyncrasies that we rarely notice but are part of the buildings we use every day can teach us an important lesson. No space or piece of architecture has a purpose that is set in stone. You can always convert a room into something unheard of in order to fit the spirit of the moment.

Unbeknownst to most of the college, the Bristol Campus Center was originally intended to be a skateboard park. It was donated to the college as such by a Clinton High School student who won the lottery during the late 1980's. The park originally consisted of only the arches around the border and a flat concrete pad in the center. Due to an abnormal increase in Hamilton College's legal expenses during the year in which the skateboard park was opened, the school decided to convert it into a campus center and store. The profits from the store were used to compensate the park's benefactor for the loss of his artistic vision. In addition, he was given an unconditional full scholarship at the school for as long as he wished. He incidentally became the first and last student to double-major in Snow Sculpture and Brewery History at the college.

Gym class can truly be a religious experience at the Alumni Gymnasium. The basketball court was originally designed as a cathedral for the use of athletes prior to their events. The tall windows that face the library were appropriately fashioned out of sweat-stained glass. They have since been cleaned as part of the campaign to separate religion from education and athletics, although the latter two remain intertwined. The shimmering floor of the courts remains as it was originally installed. The bright cathedral gave energetic religious fervor to athletes who came in from the track or the hockey rink prior to their games or during halftime. However, after several incidents in the 1930's when the cathedral worked too well, the pews and religious statues were torn out and replaced by basketball nets and scoreboards. The pews were installed in the chapel, where parishioners had made do with sitting in bean bag chairs prior to this. The statues were stored in a closet in the bomb shelter in Dunham, and were slowly stolen one by one over the years in the course of drunken pranks. Some athletes continued to use the courts as a place for appeal to a higher power during their games. However, there was only so much ridicule they could stand from basketball fans while they kneeled behind the backboards. Today, the spirituality of the basketball courts goes undetected by most students unless they happen to wander across them on their way to a final exam that they forgot to study for.

These idiosyncrasies that we rarely notice but are part of the buildings we use every day can teach us an important lesson. No space or piece of architecture has a purpose that is set in stone (sorry). You can always convert a room into something unheard of in order to fit the spirit of the moment. So seize the day, and if someone gives you a hard time about the rugby game you're conducting in the fireplace lounge in Beinecke, tell them to go hide in the bomb shelter-just don't tell them where it is, because they could be a communist spy.

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The Adirondack Coffeehouse: A touch of Seattle in the town of Clinton

BY MARK GRANOVSKY '98
SPORTS EDITOR

When I first arrived at Hamilton in August of 1994, I carried with me an eternal love for the coffee bean. My regular cup of the day in high school progressed to a cappucino every day (ask Steve of the illustrious Cafe Opus) in college. With unabashed pleasure, I am proud to tell you about a place that combines excellent coffee and cuisine: the Adirondack Coffee Company.

Last Tuesday, Phil Slaski '99 and I ate lunch there. Located near Park Row Booksellers Ltd. in downtown Clinton, this wonderful establishment has carved its own niche among the Starbucks and Coffee Connections of the world. The atmosphere exudes the Pacific Northwest and brings a cosmopolitan air to small-town life.

We entered the Coffeehouse overwhelmed with hunger. One notices that the room is bright and airy. Wood is everywhere-the tables, chairs, and floor. The walls are constructed of brick gives a warm and comfortable presence. We sat at a two-person table in the center of the floor. As I looked to my right, I saw a list of specials written in colored are used to convey nature. A pumpkin rests on a crate that reminds us of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Company is also extremely well-kept and clean.

Perhaps the lasting image one will take when leaving the Adirondack Coffee Company is the giant board of coffee drinks. This edifice hangs conspicuously on the wall for all to glance at. Selections would make even a coffee cynic rejoice: espresso, cappucino, and smoothies are the norm. Prices are ridiculously low-espresso $1.25, cappucino $1.75, and smoothies $1.75. One can also choose from numerous Italian sodas or take home fresh ground coffee from all over the world. As I debated over-ordering another cup of coffee, the waiter brought the food and offered to refill the cups at no extra charge. Life couldn't get much better than this.

The sandwiches were huge and I questioned if I would still have room for dessert. Served on decorated plates with chips and a pickle, my order was a masterpiece of culinary delight. Phil's order was identical to mine in presentation and quality. As we munched and talked, we looked

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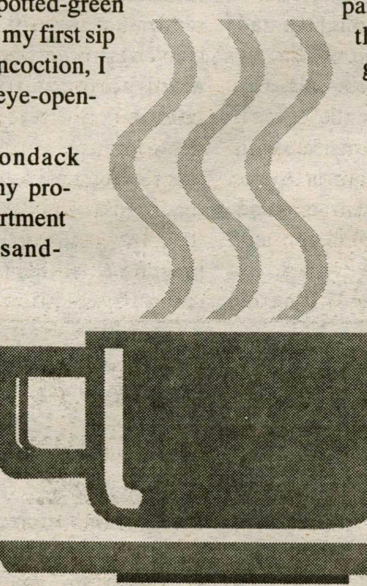
chalk: **Soup de Jour-French Onion/Chicken Noodle**
Special-Roast Beef Sandwich $4.25.

"Not bad," I remarked to Phil and instantly a waiter came over to take our order. I decided to go for a cup of french vanilla coffee, while Phil opted for tea. The drinks were served in large spotted-green mugs. As I took my first sip of the warm concoction, I glanced at the eye-opening menu.



The Adirondack Coffee Company provides a nice assortment of soup and sandwiches. Sandwiches include tunamelts, turkey clubs, and a make-your-own creation. Salads include the ubiquitous chicken ceasar and a Chef's salad that has every ingredient including the kitchen sink. Prices are under five dollars for sandwiches and six dollars for salads. I decided to go for a turkey club on oat bread, while Phil ordered a grilled chicken sandwich with dressing.

Atmosphere is everything in the success of a restaurant. The Coffee Company provides more than enough. Paintings of wolves hang on the wall as well as drawings including something described by Phil as a "Maine motif." Synthetic trees on the tables around at the other customers. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Looking over at the waiting area, I noticed several people eager to be seated. One thought quickly passed through my mind: it's worth the wait.

After much agonizing, Phil and I decided to order dessert. In a masterstroke of advertising, the Company presents the desserts through a see-through glass container. Choices include chocolate mousse cake, blueberry crisp, and rocky road brownies. Half the fun of the environment is watching the customers walk up and salivate as they look at the desserts. I decided to try the chocolate mousse cake and Phil chose the blueberry crisp. Both were heaping portions dripping with whipped cream. Phil gushed over his dessert. "A thick crust, lots of berry, and whipped cream as an added feature-how can you go wrong?" Few words could be spoken so eloquently over a dessert.

As we walked outside into the Tuesday afternoon, we exchanged satiated looks. The weather was a light rain and it was getting colder, but it didn't bother us. We had our hour of sunshine in the Adirondack Coffee Company and it was now time to drive up the hill. And so it goes.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Within this door lies the secret to acing 8 am lectures: The Adirondack Coffee Company. The cappucinos, caffe lattes and espressos are essential for early rising Continentals. Adirondack also boasts a broad sandwich menu that caters to the not-so-early-rising Hamilton student.

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E D I T O R I A L

Celebrate for the right reasons

There was a petition circled among several members of the Faculty to designate Labor Day and Martin Luther King Day as official Hamilton College holidays. This may seem like a good idea to many students and faculty members. After all, the rest of the country has these days off, why shouldn't we?

As the first day of classes of the spring semester, MLK Day at Hamilton requires classes to continue while allowing most employees of the College to observe the holiday. The faculty argues that it is difficult to begin classes without the support staff of the College available.

The issue may also have far reaching effects for the calendar. If we took these days off, we would need to make them up, and the question is when? If we started the spring semester a week later, as one idea that has been tossed around suggests, our cherished two week spring break would be cut. Extra days at either end of the year may also increase costs to the College. These holidays are unique in that they are the first days of classes for each semester.

It seems like a simple enough issue, but it isn't. The question of whether Hamilton should recognize these days as holidays seems to be stuck in a quagmire of administrative logistics. This is not the forum where a decision of this type should be reached.

Before we look at calendars, costs, or anything of this sort, we should decide whether we want to honor these days with a day off. To take MLK Day off because it is easier to conduct business is exploiting the holiday. We would be taking it off because we can, not because we feel it is important to do so. Convenience has buried the real question of why these days are considered holidays. Are they valued for the lessons that they can teach, or for the free time they provide?

It is possible to commemorate without vacationing. In fact, commemorating MLK might be more effective if classes are in session. While material for classes cannot be mandated, there is an opportunity to create a voluntary class that deals specifically with the holiday. The College also has the ability and resources to sponsor speakers and presentations. If we are not on campus for these holidays, these opportunities are lost.

These days, especially Martin Luther King Day, deserve attention. If we decide they demand a day away from classes, then the decision has been made. Calendars, costs, etc. should be adjusted accordingly. We must also accept the educational opportunities lost. If, however, we decide that the days should not be holidays, then we must be content with the knowledge that it is better to remain together as a community to celebrate and remember. Let us make these decisions for the right reasons.

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L E T T E R S
TO • THE • EDITOR

Kirkland alumna responds to harassment

To the Editor,

From recent articles in *The Spectator*, it is obvious that discrimination and sexual harassment on the Hamilton College campus continue today as they did in 1968 when women students first arrived on the Hill. I am saddened and disappointed, but not surprised.

As a member of Kirkland's charter class, I and my fellow female students were almost constantly subjected to covert and overt discrimination and sexual harassment both in and out of the classroom. During my years on campus, a general sentiment was often voiced that "girls" were incapable of the same rigorous academic pursuits as men. A major in dance or ceramics was designated as ridiculous and not worthy of one's time—no intellectual stimulation there. A Kirkland College student was acceptable as a girlfriend during the week, but on weekends and for house parties, someone from off campus was the preferred date.

These sentiments were disseminated not only by a significant number of Hamilton students but also by some faculty, faculty spouses, and even townspeople. These messages can have devastating effects, for if a message is stated often enough and over an extended period of time, it has the ability to become incorporated into the general thinking.

Fortunately, these messages are countered by reality. Messages like these are born from ignorance and fear, not from sound reasoning. Much more is accomplished by cooperation, not discrimination or harassment. If you choose to spend your time wallowing in negative energy, so be it. This is a free country, and you are certainly entitled to your beliefs. However, as a business owner and employer, my organization has zero tolerance for such thinking and behavior. If you actively discriminate or engage in sexual harassment while in my employment, you are suddenly a huge liability, a liability I and any other employer are not willing to risk. Just ask the folks at Texaco.

Patricia McLaughlin Amidon
K '72

Dean of Students reacts to recent editorial

Dear Editor,

I am disturbed by the editorial that appeared on November 8. The disparaging assessment of Resident Advisors overlooks an important service that these young men and women provide for me and others in the Division of Student Life.

Most students at Hamilton handle well the simultaneous challenges of academic expectations, personal freedoms, and forming a system to guide their choices. But my colleagues in Student Life and I know well that many students, despite appearances to the contrary, encounter substantial difficulty in managing these challenges. Some of these students make poor choices explicitly; others students make poor choices by default. In both cases, these choices can have large and negative consequences for the students' longer term interests.

Often, my colleagues and I can assist a struggling student better, and sooner, because the Resident Advisor is alert, sensitive, and has established with that student a trust upon which we can draw. I have frequently called Resident Advisors to say, "I need help with a student." I have never been disappointed with their response.

James Bradfield
Professor of Economics
Associate Dean

Dean of Admissions thanks community

To the Editor,

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support of the many activities sponsored by the Office of Admission this fall. Whether you gave tours, cleaned the campus, spoke on a panel, greeted people at a reception or played any of a hundred different roles, you were great! Faculty, staff, students and administrators, we appreciate all that you do.

Our message to prospective students and parents is relatively simple—Hamilton is an academic institution where students learn in and out of the classroom as part of a unique community. The competition for outstanding students is intense and there is a long way to go. However, thanks to all of you, I believe our message was clearly received by the future members of the Class of 2001.

Rit Fuller
Dean of Admission
and Financial Aid

All inclusive ISC party successful show of Hamilton social life

CHRISTIE REED
WEEKLY REED

This past weekend a rare event took place on the Hamilton campus: a party for the entire gang. The Inter-Society Council, usually considered an exclusive organization devoted to the Greek community, disproved this conception by organizing a party open to all Hamilton students. The event took place "around the world" style, starting in North Court, moving down to the "Hub," and ending its course in none other than the old Bundy dining hall.

I attended this function, making the rounds with everyone else. Although a bit overwhelming at times, seeing the more diversified crowd was refreshing. The mass of students flowing into Bundy throughout the later hours of the evening served as evidence of its success. There is another more important reason, however, why this event was successful: it was all-inclusive.

At one point during the evening I had the chance to speak with the head of the ISC, Christie Gammill '97, who recounted a conversation she had with one student earlier that day. This student, a senior, informed her of his excitement at the prospect of attending this party. Why all of the excitement? Because he had *never* been invited to a party at Hamilton College. Upon hearing this the word "ridiculous" immediately came to mind, and yet this is a reality for many people on this campus.

I hope that everyone agrees when I say that Greek life should not be the only social option at any college. There are those who are for and those who are against private societies, but regardless, the existence of activities above and beyond those limited to "invite only" is in everyone's best interest. On this subject, I have heard expressed many, many times throughout my 3 1/2 years at Hamilton the complaint that school sponsored activities are not up to par with collegiate expectations, that they are not suited to the needs of the college-level student. I often find myself falling into this same mode of thinking, but then I catch myself and wonder, do people really want more social options or just more of the same?

There is no doubt in my mind that the college could and should put forth more efforts to improve the social life on campus such as better social spaces as well as events more in tune with the college-level student.

I agree that at times the college misses the mark when planning events in attempts to reach out to the entire Hamilton community. I do not believe, however, that it is entirely the school's responsibility to provide the perfect social scene. In truth, we as individuals are the only people who are responsible for our social enjoyment.

This idea came through loud and clear to me the other night while sitting with friends at dinner. Someone picked up a pink piece of paper announcing a dinner for the senior class and information about "The Dating Game" planned as entertainment. The basic tone of the discussion surrounding this announcement was typical; who would want to go to that? The answer is very clearly no one if everyone approaches the issue with this attitude. Of course this event will be "stupid" and "boring" and "juvenile" (words I have heard so often) if nobody attends, but what if everybody goes? It might be quite amusing. As would be any event at Hamilton with enough participation.

I guess my message is twofold. I believe, as I think most Hamilton students do, that we are in need of a more diversified social environment that can better meet the expectations of the college-level student, and that is open to the entire community. But this is just the framework. The only way to enjoy these events is if we, the students, build the rest.

A lesson from Texaco: be fair, throw the fruits twice this year

OWEN GRANT
INHALE TO THE CHIEF

The front page of Monday's *New York Times* featured a story entitled "Quality of Life is Up for Many Blacks, Data Say." The article details the national trend of how the increasing real income of blacks exceeds the rate at which that of whites is growing. The data included in the article showed that while in 1989 black married couples earned 79% as whites, in 1995 they earned 87% as whites. Although most of the empirical data seems evident of an increase in the "Quality of Life" for blacks, it is important to keep in mind what that term means.

"Quality of Life" is an economic term analogous to "Standard of Living," meaning trend in average incomes, consumption, and savings. It is important that while money can in some cases provide individuals with the opportunity to pursue happiness, money in no way can buy happiness. It is in this sense that the report on the increase in "Quality of Life" can be very misleading.

For instance, consider what effect welfare reform, whatever the eventual legislation may amount to, will have on the "Quality of Life" for blacks. When recipients have finished up their time on welfare, they will be competing for jobs that may not exist, and may already be occupied. Only time will tell.

While the "Quality of Life" appears to have improved recently for blacks, it is necessary to realize that race relations is still arguably the number one social problem in the United States. If you don't agree with this assessment, consider that the number of national hate groups is higher today than at any other point in American history.

Last week an unprecedented lawsuit was settled in which a group of minority employees of Texaco were awarded the highest settlement ever in a discrimination suit. In addition to the case demonstrating one area in which class action lawsuits (suits in which a large number of plaintiffs sue in the same case, with the same legal council), which have been under attack by anyone who dislikes lawyers, can serve a universally benevolent cause.

Where in most class actions suits a group of shareholders sue a firm for improper earning projections, the Texaco case is an example of the positive aspects of class action law suits.

What is most disconcerting about this case is the way that the Texaco executives came off after the settlement. The case was settled because a former treasurer of the company leaked a tape recorded board meeting in which every top executive explicitly denounces African-Americans. The CEO of Texaco at this meeting, referred to black employees as "worthless jelly-beans" who should consider themselves "fortunate to have a job at all." After the settlement, his outlook on African-Americans dramatically shifted.

In a press conference to announce the settlement, the aforementioned CEO indicated that "further intolerance and discrimination in the workplace will not be tolerated." Apparently shelling out $175 million, ($30 million of which started an endowment to create more desirable job paths for minorities), can have a humanizing affect on anyone.

If you were previously unaware of this case you may feel that you are now more informed about a travesty of decency but are presently wondering what, if anything, the Texaco case has to do with Hamilton College. Consider the President's letter addressing the Progress Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee On Gender Equity.

The report, which is on permanent reserve in the library, comprises a general assessment of gender equity in sports and contains tables providing relevant data. The Committee's goal was to assess where Hamilton stands in complying with Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, calling for gender equity in sports at colleges and high schools.

Of utmost concern is whether the institution allocates its expenditures and opportunities for participation in accordance with the gender proportion of the institution. At Hamilton, the student body is 52.2 per cent male and 47.8 per cent female. The expenses of the athletic department allocated to male teams is 64 per cent of the department's budget and that of women's team is 36 per cent.

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The Committee's suggestions, based on information compiled over the past three years, has placed Hamilton closer to compliance with Title IX. The addition of the women's ice hockey team and the changing of the title of the women's soccer coach to Head Coach of Women's Soccer are important steps, the Committee reported.

While Hamilton Athletics appear to be headed in the right direction, other discrepancies still loom. Head coaches of women's teams earn two thirds of what head coaches for men's teams earn. The same proportion exists for assistant coaches.

Also, the way in which teams can raise funds for "special trips" needs to be addressed according to the report. The men's basketball team sells refreshments and food at the football games while other teams are at the mercy of Acoustic Coffeehouse shows to sell baked goods.

An unfortunate situation has hampered the cross country and track teams' outlook for future seasons. A male applicant who recorded exceptional times as a standout scholar-athlete in high school was rejected by Hamilton.

This particular student's SAT scores were over 1300, well above the average for Continental students. The Freedom of Information Act does not grant access to an individual's application folders, so it is difficult to determine why, exactly, this student was rejected. He presently runs for Harvard.

Equity does not indicate equality. The case of Texaco indicates that while blacks may be earning more, certainly there are large steps that need to be taken before African Americans are treated with equal opportunity and respect.

In my U.S. Women's History class, a student commented that women should not be allowed to play hockey in the Sage Rink because the man who donated the rink did so to provide males with an arena for hockey. Surprisingly, several students agreed with him.

The Director of Athletics reports that Hamilton is nearing compliance with Title IX, (with the addition of the Women's Ice Hockey Team) while the report does not outline the circumstances surrounding his team's trip to Australia. Does he sound like the CEO of Texaco?

In closing I want to remind anyone still reading this article that on Saturday, the Women's Ice Hockey Team takes the ice for their first contest as a varsity team. These student-athletes deserve a large, enthusiastic crowd. When they take on the Purple Cows of Williams in the Sage Rink, an opportunity exists for everyone in the community.

This is the chance to support the women, watch some good hockey, and warm up for the men's home opener by heaving citrus fruits onto the ice after the Conts' first goal. Hamilton owes it to the Women's Ice Hockey Team to make Sa urday the first annual Citrus Bowl.

LETTER AND OP-ED POLICY

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SOCRATES LAUGHS

Student replies to Professor Doran

I have just read your article in *The Spectator* on inclusive language. Although I sympathize with your view, I find that I cannot agree with your argument.

First of all, you began your article with the riddle about the female surgeon, and then wrote, "Your difficulty with solving the riddle above suggests that D'Costa's claim is at least partly true." In fact, I had no difficulty whatsoever in solving the riddle, nor did I have any difficulty the first time I heard it. Does this suggest that D'Costa's claim is at least partly false? Actually, I attended D'Costa's lecture, and believe that there is a great deal of merit in her claim. But the problem with using this riddle as an example is that the word "surgeon" really *is* gender-neutral. The *concept* may not be, but this is something that no language change can fix. Replace "surgeon" with "doctor," "pediatrician," or anything you like, and the listener's mental image, if it is gender-specific for one of the above words, will be gender-specific for all three. Although it's possible that most people do not solve the riddle as quickly as I did, this would still not be the fault of the language; it is the fault of our society itself.

Your comments on the use of "he" and "man" are somewhat more convincing. But I agree with those who believe that the crusade for politically correct language is, as you put it, "a waste of good political energy." The reason is that there are far deeper injustices in our society than the correct pronoun used to describe a human being of indeterminate gender. To focus on this problem is at best symptomatic treatment, and is analogous to giving someone acetominaphine for a fever while ignoring the cause of the fever, the patient's badly broken leg.

Finally, I am curious as to what pronoun you suggest should be used in place of the journalistic "he." You managed to sidestep the problem in your article; I can find no instance where you used a third-person singular pronoun. Unfortunately, there are cases when the use of such a pronoun is necessary. "He or she" is one solution, but I find it a needlessly cumbersome one. I know from firsthand experience that students, at least at this institution, are almost invariably encouraged to express what they wish to say in as few words as possible. The replacement of a one-word pronoun by a three-word pronoun undermines that principle. As for "it," (as in, "The surgeon saw the boy, and it said...) I am sure that you find that as distasteful as I do. To me, therefore, the best solution seems to be the use of "one." Unfortunately, one finds that the continual use of "one" as a pronoun leads to pompous-sounding writing, and one soon becomes tired of it. In fact, my own reaction upon re-reading the above sentence was a desire to slap my face for being so arrogant. I recognize that "one" might only have this connotation to me; but I must have gotten it from somewhere, so I assume that it's common to other people as well.

Jeffrey Kolb '99

Doran responds to Kolb's reply

First, I *sort of* agree with the comment about the surgeon case. Sort of, first because the riddle still works for many many people—believe me, I've been trying it for years successfully on classes and friends, and second, because while the word "surgeon" is gender neutral, the point is rather that the gendered linguistic associations are very hard to break, and the resistance to thinking of the surgeon as a female cannot just be due to the composition of the profession since there are lots of female surgeons around now. Nothing much in my article hinges on the success of this case anyway—I wanted to start with a catchy opener and I am happy to see that it worked.

Second, your symptom/disease metaphor is just plain wrong. Pseudo-generic language is *both* a symptom and a cause of sexism, as many studies, including the one I cited, have shown. (Besides, even if your metaphor were a good one, that's no argument not to treat the fever, as any good doctor will tell you!) And I have never understood the argument against working to wipe out sexism—and racism—from the language on the grounds that there is more important political work to be done on those issues. Of course there is—so what!? Working on the langauge is in no way at the expense of the rest of the effort.

Finally, the practical problem of writing around the "he" is not so great as you seem to think. Many sentences can be recast with a plural subject and verb ("Surgeons...they...."); "she" and "he" can both be used (a little self conscious gender specificity, if you will) and the occasional "one" can work quite nicely (though I admit probably not in the same piece). Be eclectic, be imaginative!

Katheryn Doran

> "
> **O, plunge your hands in water**
> **Plunge them in up to the wrist**
> **Stare, stare in the basin**
> **And wonder what you've missed**
> **--W.H. Auden**
> "

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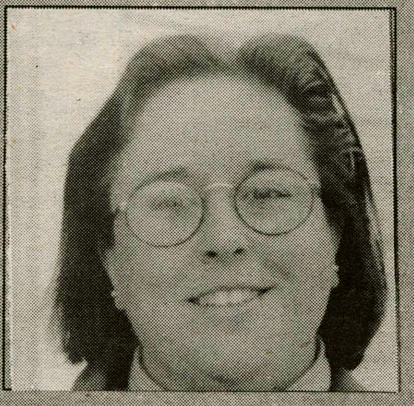
VOICE BOX

Should we celebrate Martin Luther King's Birthday? Why?

William Kinsella '98

"We should, because it is a national holiday and he's a national hero.."



Beverly Low
Director of Student Activities

"We should, to honor a contemporary hero."

Jennifer Mills '00

"We should, because he was a role model for all communities to follow."

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"We should, because it's good for equality and tolerence."

NYC sociology observed at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade

As long as I can remember, the morning of turkey day I traveled to Central Park West for the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. For those of you not familiar with this American institution, it's the parade with the large inflatable balloons and the floats in Manhattan.

A few years ago Macy's was in poor fiscal shape and was sent to bankruptcy court. The judge created a settlement and they were not forced to go out of business. However, it is interesting to note that the judge included a condition to the settlement that specified that Macy's must continue to have the parade annually. The ruling lends a little bit of insight into an event that ranks on par with the annual Halloween Around the World party as one of my favorite traditions.

The parade often takes place in weather reminiscent of that here on the Hill. The skyscrapers lining the streets form artificial canyons with a river of asphalt running through the base; the wind whips through with a vengeance, as if to remind us that though true nature may seem absent, it is an inescapable force. Invariably, we are seldom spared from the vengeance of the skies. However, these factors rarely seem of consequence to the thousands who show up.

Those who attend fall into two groups: those nestled above and the diehards on the streets. I fall into the latter category, but many watch the parade from the windows and balconies of their apartments. Those of us at ground zero, or street level, stare up at them and watch as they receive guests, make mimosas and turn on the television coverage to obtain commentary on the happenings. The observations never fail to evoke an oxymoronic feeling of envious condescension. Both emotions probably stem from the heated rooms that they have, specifically the comfort they posses and we lack, as well as the fact that we have chosen to bear the elements while they watch from posh chairs.

I seek solace from lack of apartment in the experience gained on the streets. New York is notorious for being a hostile, dangerous city (perhaps this reputation is earned); however, at this parade I have experienced nothing but friendliness and a sense of camaraderie. The crowd exceeds the cliche adjective, "multicultural," and can additionally be described as muti-economic and multi-aged. I watch as young kids scamper through the crowd to gain a seat on the curb under the police barricade. Others sit perched atop the shoulders of adults to see above the tall grown-ups. Watching and listening to their excited expressions reminds me of an innocent lost and knowledge gained. It is also refreshing to watch spectators selflessly help youngsters make their way forward. Last year, I held a random child on my shoulders, for twenty minutes while his father took an unexpected, but much appreciated rest.

Adding to the atmosphere, the employees of Macy's and their families work in the parade; they carry the balloons, ride on and drive the floats, are the clowns, and fill many of the jobs behind the scenes. At times, the fact that they have a day job is quite

BEN MINTZ
GREY MATTERS

apparent, but it in no way detracts from the experience or upsets the crowds. In fact, a sense of camaraderie develops between the parties on either side of the bright yellow NYPD barricades. The crowds alternate between holding their breath, cheering, and releasing sympathetic "ooh's" as the marchers battle the aforementioned windbursts, attempting to keep the balloons afloat.

As John Fogarty wrote, "Some folks were made to wave the flag, Oooo that red, white, and blue...that ain't me, that ain't me." I have never been a chauvinist and harbor many criticisms of our government, but feel the parade and Thanksgiving transcend blind praise. Simply, the parade is fun and I have never left without feeling good. Furthermore, Thanksgiving is an early part of American history where the Native Americans are accurately portrayed as generous saviors, not a later chapter where they are cast as heartless savages. It is a celebration of those searching for freedom and a celebration of helping others for no other reason than for the sake of doing the right thing: two basic human qualities. I once read that levels of charity, beginning with donating money, then donating money anonymously. At the top level is the act of helping another become self sufficient, as in the discussed incident. My pilgrimage to the parade has consistently brought me to a temporary oasis, a Shang-rai-La adjacent the park, where I've been able to not only celebrate these concepts, but practice them as well. I hope that Thursday, regardless of whether you watch the festivities from an apartment, the street, a television, Amsterdam, or not at all, you will keep these ideas in mind.

Enjoy the priveleges of Hamilton

I ask that you sit down, get comfortable, and think about what I am going to say. If at any point my tone sounds preachy, please realize that the advice I am sharing is as much for me as it is for you. The ideas expressed are for us, as Hamilton students, faculty, administrators, and staff. Be open to my words, and ponder them before writing them off as mere hippie banter that I am so often prone to. The message goes beyond personality differences or geographical boundaries.

Last Friday, I was struck by the most intensely beautiful image I have seen at Hamilton. True serenity and beauty combined and brought the softest of smiles to my face. My only wish was that my friends were sharing the experience. Drifting lazily over the top of South Residence Hall, the Chapel, and Buttrick were three airplanes. From their wingtips came a pink steam, a trail of heaven and calm that seemed to say, "Hey, Friday. Alllright!" In the background was the source of the incredible color; the setting sun was hitting the horizon with our planet's finest light show. To the south, a spectacular moon hovered peacefully with the first star of the early evening. That night, nature was at its zenith of coexistence. Far below the sun, the moon, and the stars, Hamilton College had also achieved a sensation of perfection; from my perspective, things were right in the world.

I pointed the planes out to a passerby, and as I walked away, she was talking with a friend, eyes skyward in obvious admiration. The look on her face said to me that she understood why she was so lucky to be there, to be here, at Hamilton, at this stage in her life. Often, I am asked what the worst aspect of Hamilton College is. My answer is always the same, and the more I repeat it, the more sense it makes. Our biggest problem, as students and as a generation, is that we too easily ignore our good fortune. Inexplicably, we complain in vain attempts at spoiling our splendid opportunities. Last week, I wrote that our school's social spaces are an abomination. But the truth is that our party areas (we really should change the terminology in this case) are an inconsequential matter in our four years here.

Too often we Hamilton students focus on creating issues for ourselves and the administration. In a way, our behavior is good: we are learning

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how to raise our voices against what we deem to be injustices. Frankly, such skills and ambition are an integral, essential part of our undergraduate education. I would like to hear, however, more students speak openly and eloquently on how lucky we are to even be here. College in itself is a privilege; a private school even more so; and a small, friendly, basically crime-free liberal arts college is, in my opinion, the pinnacle of "having it made." We have virtually no financial worries; our education practically guarantees us a job to pay off our debts to the school, government, and parental figures.

Next time you walk from Burke Library to Kirner-Johnson, look at the startling beauty of Root Hall. Admire the friendliness of the Quad. Laugh at the memories you have from your experiences in Commons. Stand on the bronze map, giggle at its absurdity, but also look at where you go to school. Recognize that the speed bumps in the road are expressly for you. Reflect on the good times you have had watching people from the benches on Martin's Way. Remember the plans you have made in the Mail Center. Feel the sun on your face from the booths in the Diner. Hear the music from the Events Barn. Look at the Adirondack Porch and see President Tobin, who puts his home phone number in the College phone book, who finds the time to practice the education he is so committed to by teaching a History seminar, and who has office hours in a rocking chair! Sense the vibrations under your feet as the bridge quakes with the feet of every Hamilton student. Bask in the smiles of friends, strangers, professors, and tour guides. And don't look both ways as you cross the street towards the Dark Side; the cars will always stop for you.

Hamilton College, while perhaps not as close to the "real world" (whatever the hell that is) as some would like, is a wonderful place to mature into adulthood. Our school, my good friends, is the only reality we know. Problems exist, conflicts arise, and discomfort, ridicule, and crime sometimes roar above the benign energy that radiates across the campus. Is it not true, however, that we live a relatively utopian existence? Have we ever felt that we cannot do whatever we want to do with our lives? Have we ever known pure terror at Hamilton? Do the words "injustice" and "deprivation" really mean anything to us? Do we know of a place more secure, more friendly, more calm, and more peaceful than Hamilton College? Overall, are we not the luckiest people in the world? Think about it. And smile a lot.

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-Anonymous

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South-side midnight broadcaster

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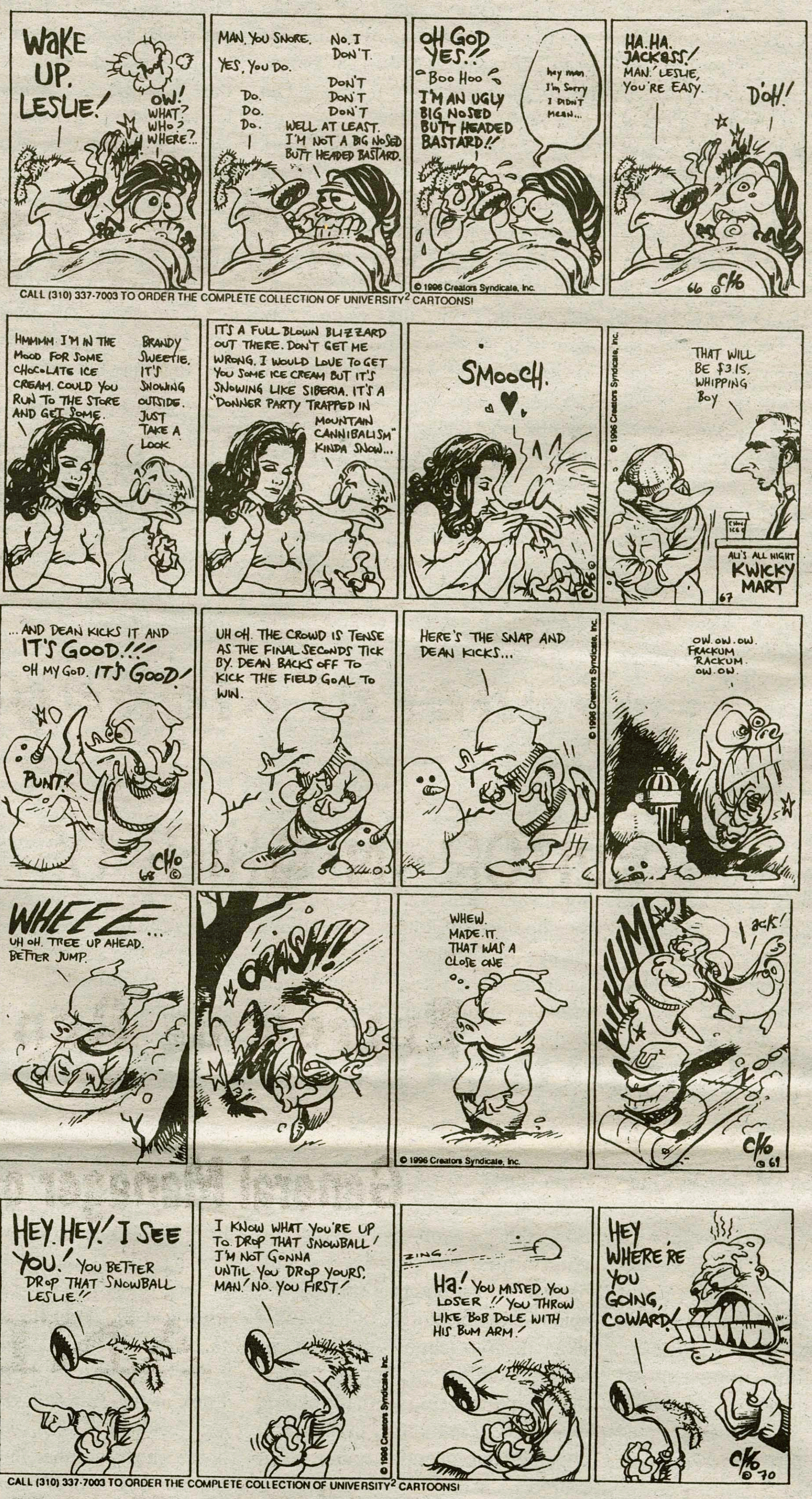

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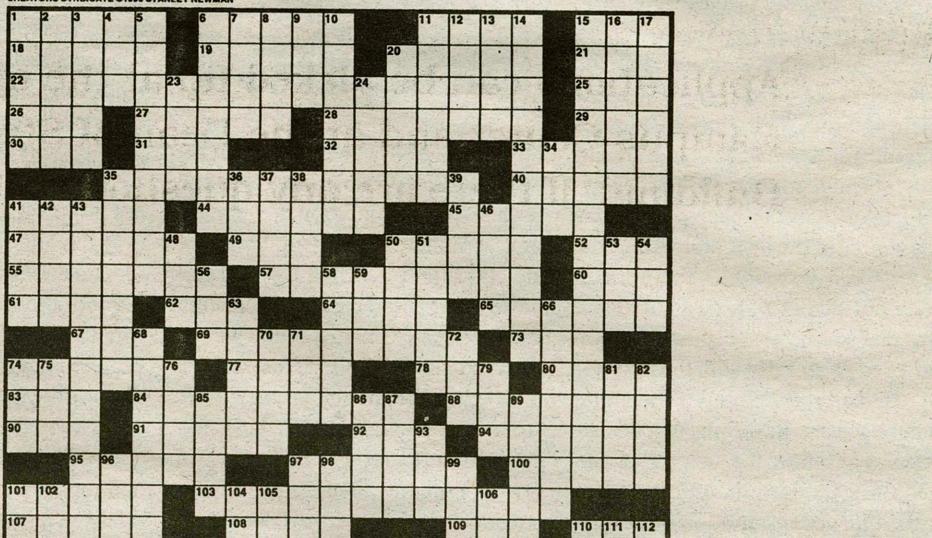

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B.B. King At Age 71, The Thrill Is Definitely Not Gone

By Matt Flynn '00
Associate Features Editor

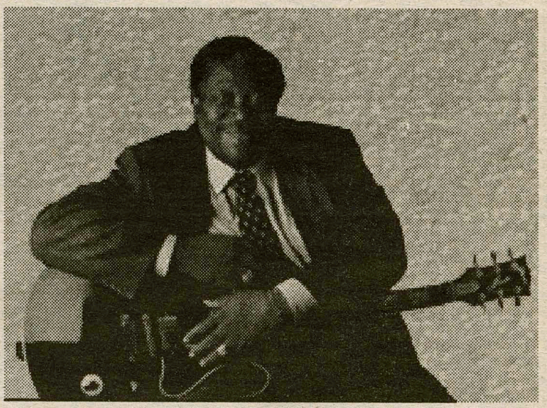
When Riley King was a young man growing up in the Mississippi delta, his skill with machinery allowed him to find work as a tractor driver for an Indianola planter named Johnson Barrett. While Riley worked for wages of less than $1.00 a day, he used to dream of leaving Mississippi in search of fame and fortune as a blues musician.

But Riley was unable to convince his band, the St.John's Gospel Singers, that in order to make it big they would have to leave Indianola.

So Riley decided that if he was going to make it, he would have to do so on his own. The final decision to leave came on a fateful spring night in 1946. Returning home from the fields after a long day of work, he noticed that there was something wrong with the tractor he was driving. He shut off the tractor, but the engine turned over a couple of extra times and the machine lunged forward, breaking off the exhaust stack. Riley, not wanting to face an angry Johnson Barrett, left town with his guitar and $2.50 in his pocket.

Motherless, and owning only the clothes on his back, Riley arrived in Memphis. He managed to get a job as a disk jockey at a local radio station, where his radio name, Beale Street Blues Boy, was soon shortened to B.B. The job brought B.B. closer to his dream, but what he really wanted to do was perform. B.B.'s unique style, characterized by vocal calls balanced against masterfully lyrical guitar responses, made people take notice. In 1949 he made his first recording ("Three O'Clock in the Morning") that sold well in the rhythm and blues market. For the next two decades, young B.B. continued to record and perform, often playing over 300 one-night stands a year. His immense talent and warm-hearted spirit made him a crowd favorite, and his popularity spread. By the late 1960's, B.B. King emerged as principle figure in the development of rhythm and blues. B.B. King was a legend.

Fifty years, seventy two albums, and over 7,500 shows later, B.B. King is still showing audiences why he deserves the name "King of the blues." On Wednesday night, in front of an ecstatic crowd at the Stanley Theatre in Utica, B.B. did it again. Combining his youthful charm and enthusiasm with his brooding guitar licks and forceful vocals, the 71 year old King played for over two hours backed by the incomparable B.B. King Blues Band. The show opened with a jazz-style introduction of the band, in which each of the nine members was given a solo. The audience erupted when King emerged in a shining silver tuxedo jacket and proceeded to dive into a set that featured several B.B. classics. Saucy renditions of "Darlin' You known I Love You," " 3 O'Clock Blues," "Rock me Baby," and T-Bone Walker's classic "Stromy Monday," delighted an audience that was full of enthusiasm.



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B.B. King and his guitar, Lucille.

A good deal of the credit for the early crowd's enthusiasm must go to B.B.'s opening act. As far as opening acts go, Corey Harris was among the finest I've ever seen. Harris, who hails from a younger generation of delta bluesmen, has created a style that meshes the rural, foot-tapping sound of Robert Johnson, with a slide and vocal sound reminiscent of Elmore James. Furthermore, Harris's loose and informal style brought the audience imperceptibly closer; as if we were sitting with Harris on his back porch somewhere deep in the heart of Mississippi. But nobody present on Wednesday night would deny that B.B. King stole the show.

By the time B.B. ripped into his show stopping hit, "The Thrill is Gone," the standing crowd at the Stanley had heard enough: B.B. was truly the King. In the introduction to one of B.B's most famous albums, *B.B. King Live in Cook County Jail*, Mr. King referred to as "the king of the blues" and "the chairman of the board of all the blues singers." On Wednesday night B.B. showed us all why this is true. At 71 years of age, B.B. King still rocks with the best.

The evolution of DP: Dorothy Pound's 'Introspective Eye' at the Emerson

By Christian Tico '00
A&E Writer

The Emerson Gallery in Christian Johnson has been displaying forty plus works from Dorothy Shakespeare Pound, a little-known modern artist whose watercolor works have never before been shown to the public. The main exhibition is also accompanied by several selections from the collections of various American-born and foreign artists. These intriguing pieces serve as excellent indirect references to DP's art.

The main theme of the show is evolution. Pound's earliest influences might have been the traditional landscapes her father, an amateur Victorian painter, dabbled in, but she progressed beyond that nascent period to embrace the English Vorticist movement. Subsequently, DP took the final brave step in her maturation as an artist in the synthesizing of the two styles (i.e. natural and abstract) into a unique method of representation for which she drew inspiration from both sources. This abstract expressionism is the most interesting aspect of Pound's art.

Dorothy S. Pound's love affair with art began at the age of four, when she painted her first watercolor. The subject of this precocious work was a tree, one which would become a favorite figure in her latter representations of landscape. She attended the Malvern Girl's School where some painting lessons were taken (the muddied colors which dominated the scenery there inhibited her sense of color, though). Beyond that limited formal training, she was self-taught and painted only as a hobby until she married Ezra Pound at the start of the first world war. It was at that time that she began to associate with his elite group of friends (which included Ernest Hemingway and T.S. Eliot), some of whom encouraged her pursuit of art. Pound's dedication was ossified by these experiences.

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Forty works by Dorothy Shakespeare Pound at the Gallery.

Pound wears her influences on her sleeve. She never dilutes a pure form, but instead makes it her own by interjecting a good deal of imagination into an otherwise stagnant image. The two docile panthers sprawled on the "A for Cantos XXXIX" and the use of penetratingly-warm afternoon sunlight to intensify a cityscape of Rapello, Italy are but two examples of many that illustrate her genius. The latter painting is from the innovative perspective of a high balcony on whose ledge are perched two pine cones; above float clouds which resemble white popcorn and below are simple beige houses crowded together in a binocular fashion reminiscent of the French constructionist Cezanne.

The well-traveled Pound noted that, upon visiting Italy in 1911, she "experienced color for the first time." She was certainly inspired by the Roman architecture she saw there, but also by the indigenous beauty of such places as Lago d'Iseo. The elaborately designed watercolor by the same name is part realism (the docked boats) and part Cubism, with the viewer getting a skewed angle into a world of chaos at the bottom of the painting. Pound depicts this with rudders and other pieces of boat strewn entropically about, but one gets the impression that they are seeing shards of broken, brown glass.

In "Still Life- Bottle and Shell" we see the scope of Pound's formidable representational talents and the extent to which she has mastered the colory theory of the impressionists. By using contrasting colors in close proximity to each other, she creates a visible vibration which breathes a sense of action and nuanced conflict as distinctly embodied in the bottle's reflective properties and the slippery, shiny shell. Never is the transition between these objects abrupt, though. Dorothy Pound's sensibilities are constantly geared towards a seamless "dialogue" between the object she is depicting and the method of representation. This, indeed, is the hidden language that exists within each artist.

Nowhere is Pound expressing herself more directly than with the minimalist black and white compositions for Wyndham Lewis' revolutionary "Blast" magazine. Her interest in line and the intrinsic properties of simple geometry are best expressed in this short-lived genre which used no-frills woodcuts for their publications.

Her move in the 1920's to the coast of Rapallo reawoke her sense of color. In this period, Pound combined the abstract decorative elements of Vorticism with the colorful inhabitants of nature: gnarled olive trees, beautiful plant life and imposing mountains. The 1930's were her most prolific period, with marvelous land- and seascapes abounding in these prolific years. Impending storms such as the ones in "Devil's Cheese Ring" were figured prominently in these energetic works. Similarly, "Walled garden with Vined Pergola" and "Villa Adrianna" reflect this synthesis of natural and imagined elements.

Pound saw nature as being perfect, but open to interpretation. For her, painting provided a sixth sense which could be used to educate the doer about not only the reality that is, but the possibilities of what could be. In her largest work,"Hommages a GB, WL, TSE, EP", she paid tribute to her friends by combining their famed works in one picture, creating an epic story which contextualizes itself much like a poem. An ode, specifically. Dorothy Shakespeare Pound is truly an unsung visionary, who need not be remembered as simply "the wife of Ezra Pound", but as the creative and innovative individual she truly was; a woman who followed her heart wherever it lead her and looked around when she got there. Her artwork is the visual record of what she saw, and through it we can enjoy the vicarious experience of looking at nature as it is constructed in the mind of an introspective artist.

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MOVIES IN REVIEW

THE MIRROR HAS TWO FACES B

BY KATHY HESS '99
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Barbara Streisand examines her reflection in her latest cinematic endeavor, *The Mirror Has Two Faces.*

Richard LaGravanese wrote this film. He writes conversations better than almost any other screen writer. He can write for both women and men, but has a tendency to write for women. Most often, he addresses the fears of not being that princess who receives romance in return for being beautiful.

In all the films he works on the ugly duckling seems to be revealed as the swan they were all along. And then came *The Mirror Has Two Faces* which is completely ruined with one cliché scene. Barbara Streisand's character, Rose, discovers she has always been a beautiful person, not just on the inside, but on the outside. She immediately goes out and turns herself into the image of stereotypical beauty; blonde, tight short dresses, and more makeup. Huh?

The plot is apparently from an old French film. Rose Morgan (Barbra Streisand: *Prince of Tides, Hello Dolly*) is a popular literature professor at Columbia University. Gregory Larkin (Jeff Bridges: *The Fisher King, Thunderbolt* and *Lightfoot*) also works at Columbia, but he is an unpopular math professor because he is REALLY boring. Rose's sister Claire answers a personal ad for Rose that Gregory placed in the paper at the advice of a phone-sex operator. Claire feels sorry for Rose because Rose isn't as beautiful as she is.

All beautiful people in this movie, including Claire's husband Alex (Pierce Brosnan), are rather cruel. They have inexplicable urges to mate with anything gorgeous, and pair everything else up. Gregory and Rose go on a date. Gregory falls for Rose's intellect, and Rose falls for Gregory. He eventually proposes a sexless marriage of mutual friendship, after a dinner with mother (Lauren Bacall), and Rose accepts not because she thinks that he loves her, but rather that he is the closest she is going to get to love. Unable to be anything more than friends, even though they look at each other with bedroom eyes, they separate. Rose discovers her beauty, shocks Gregory, and eventually they reunite.

It is easy to understand Rose's predicament. Most women do not see themselves as beautiful, and therefore lovable. It doesn't matter that they might actually be beautiful, it is how they see themselves. So to look at a picture and finally, after thirty years, feel like there is something about her picture that makes her a pretty woman is very moving.

There are several scenes with Hannah, Rose's mother, that are even more powerful because in the conventional sense Hannah is old, who has lost her beauty. As each of the myths of beauty are explored the barriers between what is beautiful and what is reality breaks down. The gorgeous sister Claire, looks a little plain. If nothing else she is annoying. So to then take Rose and turn her into a Claire-looking woman, to have her *desire* that makes no sense, because that was what the movie was moving beyond. Rose gets a man cause she is an awesome woman, not because she learned how to properly wear mascara and lift weights.

The movie is very well acted. Rose, Gregory, and Hannah are all extremely well portrayed. Lauren Bacall is wonderful as the mother with a lot to say, and no nice way to say it. Claire and Alex can only be one-sided, which is a little dull, but they do get some great lines. Barbra Streisand also knows how to direct. Characters are zoomed in on at just the right moments. The movie is very well made. Disappointingly, the film changes purposes halfway through.

There is a Kurt Vonnugut book that suggests that life is like the Cat's Cradle; there is no cat, and no cradle, what's the point? When Gregory talks to the phone sex operator she is making a cat's cradle. The movie is like her string. There is no cat, no cradle, and in the end it is as empty headed as one of its beautiful people. What's the point?

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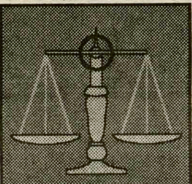

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Doing something for yourself over break is well deserved. Be careful not to go overboard and get carried away. Moderation is the key, excess is for the undesireable.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Be fair. Don't form a negative opinion of someone's character based on one element of his or her behavior. But don't give someone too many chances. There is something to be said for a first impression.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Try sniffing an open bottle of suntan lotion and a fresh lime to curb your winter blues. You will feel renewed.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Use the break to focus on your life and where it is going. Questioning things around you is a good thing. If you see yourself slipping into someone you don't know, know it is natural, but not healthy. Fix it.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Open your eyes! You are being taken advantage of by others around you. Stand up for what you believe in.

LEO
(July 23-August 22)

Go wild this weekend. Dancing around your room to your favorite tunes will ease the tension you've been experiencing. Don't forget that freeing the animal might cage the docile.

VIRGO
(August 23-September 22)

You are a very strong person, you just need to realize this. Trying a new hobby is one way for you to discover your strength.

LIBRA
(September 23-October 22)

Let this weekend be a time for you to unwind. This past week was hard on you and now is your chance to relax. Find a quiet place, and find your quiet self. Worry about things later. This is necessary.

Pianist Mykola Suk to headline Wellin concert

BY JENNY JEFFERSON '00
A&E WRITER

MYKOLA SUK

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Wellin will join ranks with some of the most famous concert halls in the world when Mykola Suk plays there Friday.

Mykola Suk, internationally award-winning pianist, will be playing for the Hamilton audience at 8 p.m. on Friday. Among other distinctions, Suk has won the gold medal at Budapest's honorable International Liszt-Bartok Competition and has been named the "Outstanding Artist of the Ukraine."

Suk has performed at prestigious concert halls and music festivals the world over, and currently holds the position of artist-in-residence at New York City's Ukrainian Institute of America.

Friday night will provide the Hamilton Community with the opportunity to hear Suk perform sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti, Franz Joseph Haydn, and Franz Liszt. Suk will also be playing Bela Bartok's "Out of Doors."

The Mykola Suk concert is a part of the continuing Music At Hamilton Artists Series. Tickets for students will be priced at $5, and for outside community members will be set at $15.

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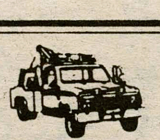

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ARTS

Exhibition: "The Introspective Eye: Dorothy Shakespeare's Modernist Vision" will continue to run in Emerson Gallery, Christian Johnson Hall, through January 5th.

Friday: At 8 pm in Wellin Hall MAHAS will be sponsoring: Mikola Suk, pianist.

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Coach Crist, expectations and experience guide women's basketball

Talented scorers Pabis and Merriman return to Continentals as co-captains

By Felicia Holtzman '00
Sports Staff Writer

With five new freshman additions and four out of its five top scorers returning this season, women's basketball looks as though it may break its three year losing streak this winter. Traditionally, Hamilton women's basketball has been a victorious team, winning fourteen of its eighteen seasons. It was in just recent years that the team found themselves faced with a collection of losses. This year the team hopes to reestablish its competitive edge.

Kristin Pabis '97 and Ashley Merriman '98 lead this year's team as co-captains. Both forwards, Pabis and Merriman are two leading scorers hoping to achieve success this year. Last season, Pabis averaged ten points a game and was number one in rebounding (8.9 rpg) and blocked shots (1.6 bpg). Merriman stands 6'0" and shows off her strength through her rebounding as well (7.3 rpb). Her career high last season was as high scorer with 23 points against Tufts, helping the Continentals win 68-57. Jessica Levi '97 will add to the power of the captains. Standing 6'1" and returning to center position, Levi assists Pabis and Merriman in leading the front court players.

Head Coach Don Crist enters his twelfth year as coach of the team this season. Assistant Coach Melissa Hart remarked, "Don's a very good fundamentals coach. It's not a veteran team this year, but an experienced one. Don has the kind of players that he'll be able to utilize in his style of what he wants to do." Hart added, "He's a big inside game person and he has the players to play that way." Kristin Pabis, Ashley Merriman, Jessica Levi and Sabrina Valenta '00 are all inside players.

UCAA and NESCAC All-Star, Jen Moran '99 joins the team for a second season. Moran is a seven-time UCAA Rookie of the Week, averaging 13.9 points, 5.1 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 1.8 steals a game last season. She scored an individual all-time high of 25 points last season in a 76-63 victory over Rensselaer.

Other veterans returning this year include Amy Palmieri '97, Amy Estes '98, Gretchen Randall '98, and Kim Herrig '98 and Liz Sadler '99, Liz Houghton '99, and Sarah Johnstone '99. All hard working, powerful, seasoned players, these girls should help recover the team from its losses and make this season a winning one. Herrig, who played in only 14 of the 23 games last year due to injuries, returns this season. With a career high of 23 points last year in the Continentals victory over St. Lawrence, Herrig is expected to bring her talent back to the team.

Coach Crist commented, "I have huge expectations for this year because of the talent this team has. I'm looking towards certain experienced players to pull this group together such as Kristin Pabis and Ashley Merriman and Jen Moran, and Kim Herrig." Crist added, "Back to the team is Jessica Levi who worked with us as a first year and a sophomore." Pabis has been in Australia for the first semester and hasn't attended any practices yet, she will start shortly after she gets in some practice and becomes comfortable with the game again.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

The season will open this weekend when the Continentals travel to Williams for an opening tournament.

Coach Crist is excited about the five new, talented freshman joining the team this year. "We have a new group of first years led by Sabrina Valenta." Valenta, towers over most of the players at almost 6'2". Her size and her endurance will be tremendous assets to the offense and the entire team. The rest of the freshman players, Tonya Bloomer, Kelly McKeown, Carolyn Fichera, and Jessica Pierce, will be valuable in the defensive positions. Assistant Coach Marsha Foster believes this year's freshman will provide large benefits for the team. "This is the largest, most solid group of freshman we've seen in years, " Foster said.

With the new additions and the return of many key players, Coach Crist expects to improve significantly this season. Crist said, "We're gonna be better in post and then we'll have Moran at guard and Herrig and Merriman as forwards."

The women's basketball season begins this Saturday and Sunday with a tournament at Williams. The Continentals face Williams' competitive team in the first round. Williams has 4 starters back this year. After Williams, Hamilton plays against Springfield which just dropped down from Division II to Division III. The last team Hamilton will compete against is Colby-Sawyer. Their following game is also away at a tournament in Ohio at Marietta. This tough schedule will not let up much as the season continues. The Continentals face traditionally competitive teams, William Smith and Skidmore twice and Colby and Hartwick once. Coach Crist commented, "We have a terrible schedule with 16 away games and 8 home. It is the most challenging schedule I've seen both geographically and competively and we will be challenged. But, we made States last year and we'd like to do that again and improve this year."

The Continentals have their work cut out for them with such a demanding schedule and the pressure to improve upon last year's scores. However, the team is extremely skilled and has some solid, new additions to help them. With the practice they have been putting in, this year's team may just break the losing streak and bring victory back to the Hill.

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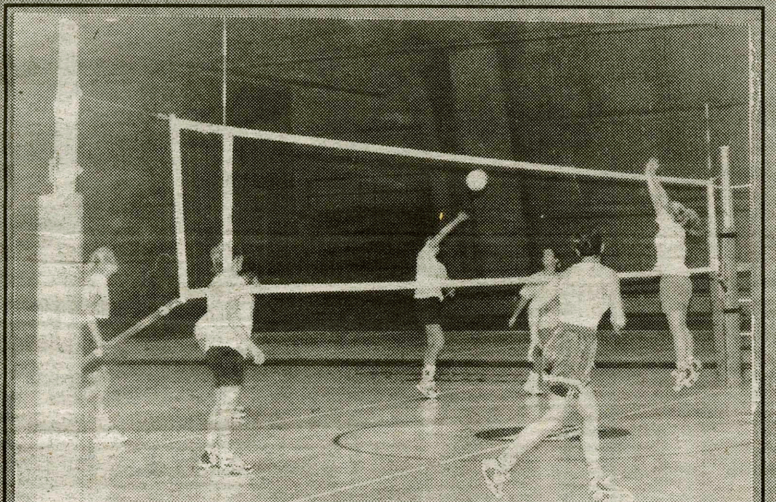

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CHRISTINA CLARK '97
- NESCAC All-Conference Tournament
- UCAA All-Tournament
- Hamilton Invitational All-Tournament
- UCAA Honor Roll (3x)
- Broke school records for career kills and blocks.

SHEILA GREEN '97
- NESCAC Player of the Week
- Hamilton Invitational Tournament MVP
- UCAA Honor Roll (2x)
- Coaches Award Recipient

JEN LENTEK '99
- UCAA All-Tournament
- UCAA Academic All-Conference

SARAH TSCHAMPEL '00
- NESCAC Rookie of the Year
- NESCAC All-Conference Second Team
- UCAA Tournament MVP
- UCAA Honor Roll (5x)
- UCAA Rookie of the Week
- Broke school reocrd for most service aces and assists in one season

This Week In Hamilton Sports

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New York Jets at Buffalo 11/24	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo
San Diego at Kansas City 11/24	Kansas City	Kansas City	San Diego	Kansas City	Kansas City
Carolina at Houston 11/24	Houston	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina
Detroit at Chicago 11/24	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
San Francisco at Washington 11/24	Washington	Washington	San Francisco	Washington	San Francisco
Oakland at Seattle 11/24	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Seattle	Oakland
Dallas at N.Y. Giants 11/24	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Giants	Dallas
Philadelphia at Arizona 11/24	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Jacksonville at Baltimore 11/24	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore
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The logic of business

TIM BOOTH
THE ABSURD TRUTH

The Bulls are once again dominating the NBA. As of Wednesday they were still unscathed, with a perfect 9-0 start to the season. Micheal Jordan leads the league in scoring, even though he usually plays three quarters a game. Pippen is being his own usual self, providing his all around contributions. But one overlooked aspect of the squad is the Rodman Factor.

The Worm very well may be the fiber of this team. Of course, Micheal Jordan is the most dominating player in basketball history and Scottie Pippen is the most versatile player in the league. Without Rodman, though, they could never be as effective as they are. His tenacity and gamesmanship allow Jordan and Pippen to show their talent with so much less effort. If you break basketball down into its most fundamental components, it's easy to realize why Rodman's presence is so important to this team.

The obvious goal of the game is to score more points than your opponent. In order to do so, you must be able to put the ball through the hoop. This talent has come to be accepted as the game's true skill. Scoring points, it must be remembered, involves possessing the rock. Basketball players that can get you possession, in theory, are just as important as players that put points on the scoreboard. Dennis Rodman gets his team the ball like no other player since Bill Russell.

Think about it, every time the Bulls repossess the ball, Rodman seems to have something to do with it. Whether it's rebounding, stealing, forcing a bad shot, or taking a key offensive player out of the play - the awkward, tattooed athlete is right in the thick of it. Then the ball goes to Jordan or Pippen or Kukoc, and the Bulls use their offensive weapons to beat you. When they do miss, Rodman is often right there to give them another try. It is not only the most efficient machine in the NBA, it is a perfectly logical basketball theory.

Supposed guru coach Phil Jackson, keeps everything groovy with some incense before the game and by half-time he can relax with some of his own personal rituals because there is no need to coach for the rest of the night. Jordan and Pippen are happy. They may go down in basketball history as the most dominating tandem ever. As well, Rodman is delighted because he doesn't have to draw the spotlight with his outrageous acts. It's already on him.

The mix of personalities - Jordan, Pippen, Kukoc, Rodman, Jackson - was not presumed to function with any harmony. But it does, and the team may be the best ever before it's all over. Winning solves all problems, and it brings people together. It also makes logic look like brilliance. In the end, though, the logic belongs to Chicago sports tycoon Jerry Reinsdorf. Of late, he has been grappling with the logic of his ways.

On Tuesday, Reinsdorf signed bad boy baseball slugger Albert Belle to a five year contract that will pay him ten million dollars a year. This is the largest salary ever given to a baseball player.

Since Tuesday, Reinsdorf has met great speculation about his own ideals resulting from the signing's contrasts with has stance on baseball's labor negotiations. For the past two years, Reinsdorf has championed the movement to implement salary restraints in baseball. He is one of the most visible characters in the labor negotiation talks. Many people believe he wields more influence than any other owner, even George Steinbrenner. Two days ago, he apparently contradicted all of his efforts by signing Belle. Now, Reinsdorf pays the biggest salaries in two leagues, baseball and basketball.

So what are we to think? Here's a man who has put a tremendous amount of energy into giving small market baseball organizations an equal opportunity to obtain big name players, and then he gobbles up the biggest catch in this year's free agent pool. This is not logical, or is it?

Jerry Reinsdorf is a business man. He wants to do as much as possible with what he has. The White Sox have seen dramatic declines in attendance and merchandising. In a large market city like Chicago, the White Sox need to stay competitive with the rest of the league. While teams like the Yankees and the Indians are throwing around money like crazy to win championships, the White Sox have sat back and watched. Sooner or later, Reinsdorf knew he would have to spend some money.

When the Albert Belle opportunity presented itself, the owner could not afford to hesitate. Even though this seems hypocritical, the entire issue is quite logical. Reinsdorf does not want this type of situation to differentiate the caliber of teams in baseball, but he has to protect his investments. Belle, whether you want to admit it or not, will stir things up in Chicago. He is going to win games, and he's going to put fans in the seats.

Jerry Reinsdorf has opened up the possibility of having two World Championship teams. Isn't this the ideal for any sports owner? Nobody can fault a businessman for trying to make more money. This is the nature of professional sports. This is capitalism.

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Polar Bears look to claw Conts in opener

By David Andrietta '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Hamilton Continental Men's Ice Hockey team open their 24 game schedule tonight at Bowdoin College in Maine. The game should be a nail-biter from the opening face-off. It has been rumored that Bowdoin's two thousand seat arena has been sold out since Monday of this week.

The Polar Bears are veterans of the national championship tournament and should not be taken lightly by the Continentals. Bowdoin has been chosen to return to the national tournament despite some key losses to the squad. On the other side of the coin, however, Hamilton has set its mind to putting themselves in the best position possible for post-season play. That quest begins tonight.

Bowdoin is expected to have another fast, free-wheeling hockey team this year. The graduated Gafney twins, a deadly twin brother combination on Bowdoin's first line, will no longer be a thorn in the Continentals' side, but the team has planned to build on the legacy they left behind. This means that newly recruited freshmen combined with speedy veterans will be heavily relied on to produce for the national contenders.

Despite the speed of the Polar Bears, Hamilton's speed should not be ruled out. The Continentals can skate with any team in the league as they have proven in the past. Hamilton also prides itself on being the best conditioned team on the ice. All of the players on the Continentals roster have been skating regularly for over a month now and prior to that had engaged in a grueling six week advanced conditioning course.

When asked how the Continentals plan to stop the Polar Bears at home, assistant captain Gary Heenan '97 said that "we have to use our size to our advantage." Bowdoin has always been quick but Hamilton can prevent the Polar Bears from capitalizing on their speed by taking their players out of the play, something Bowdoin does not do effectively. Defensemen especially will play a big role in this department. Heenan, who will be looked upon to be one of the leaders of the Continental defense added, "defensemen will have to step-up at the blue line early in the game to let Bowdoin know they will not be getting any clean breaks at our net. We have to prevent Bowdoin from taking clean shots at our goalie and finding good scoring opportunities. In order to do this successfully, it is our job as defensemen to only allow Bowdoin to take shots from the outside."

Fans here on the hill can catch all the action from Maine this weekend on Hamilton College radio, WHCL, 88.7 fm. The broadcasts will begin at 7:00 pm tonight and at 1:30 pm tomorrow.

Fourgamehomestretch opens men's season

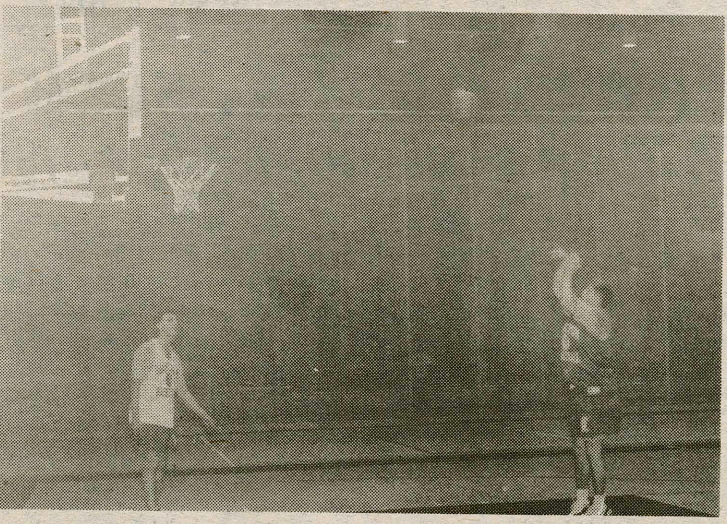


PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

The tournament looms large in the distance for the Conts. Some traditions shouldn't be broken.

*continued from **Hoops** back page.*

handles the ball well and can shoot the three. In practice Murphy has played with the type of confidence and savvy needed in team leader. Max Stroman '99 is a smart player and tenacious defender. The Continentals will utilize his size (6' 3") and athleticism at the guard position. JV veteran Lamar Johnson '99 is a lightning-quick player with a great eye for the open man.

Hamilton's international duo of Kreso Marusic '97 and J. J. Raedts add durability and height to the lineup. Marusic, the "Croatian Sensation" can score and bang around the basket. Look for him to continue annoying basketball purists with his patented reverse layup move. Raedts, the "Dunkin' Dutchman," is the size of a small Mack Truck at 6' 7", 235 lbs. and will surely provide rebounding if he can stay out of foul trouble.

Forward Paul Rava '97 looks promising after stepping up his play late last season. Rava must first shake off nagging knee injuries before returning to game shape. "Paul has bulked up in the offseason and, if he stays healthy, he can become a power in the paint," said Coach Murphy. Senior captain Pat Mulholland will provide depth at power forward and center. Mulholland has also added three-point range to his vast repertoire. Hamilton football star Dan DeBlois '97 offers versatility and athleticism as a forward. DeBlois is a strong defender with a feathery touch from the outside.

Newcomers from a successful JV squad should make an impact early for the Continentals. Brian Murphy '99 can shoot the three and is a great locker room guy. Forward Mike Byrnes '98 is streaky shooter who can light it up from beyond the three-point arc. Centers Pete Bishop '99 and Jon Schmiegel '99 add depth to the frontcourt. Schmiegel led the JVs in scoring and could challenge for a starting spot. Freshman Ben Raymo rounds out the squad. Raymo is a solid player who, according to Coach Murphy, "has shown great improvement already and will be a good player before he leaves."

The Continental coaching staff of Murphy, Bob North, Stan "Buddy" Evans, and Matt Stowell will push the team in practice and in games. Evans, a feisty coaching veteran, will keep the players on their toes throughout the season. Stowell, a 1995 Hamilton grad, replaces Joe Kremer as an assistant coach. Stowell was widely renowned for his fierce rebounding and intense play around the basket. His work ethic will surely rub off on this year's corps of big men.

The Conts face a very competitive schedule against a group of improved teams. Though Hamilton is bigger than in previous years, Coach Murphy believes they "will have enough players to score- just in a different fashion than before." When asked if the changed makeup of the team will affect this year's strategy, Murphy replied that "we have a system 25 years old. We have talent. We may be better off offensively than last year." With this year's talent pool, the Continentals will need consistent efforts and balanced scoring in order to win in the UCAA and NESCAC. Hamilton must also follow Murphy's keys to success: hard work, honest effort, good defense, and solid rebounding. If Hamilton follows this agenda, look for another exciting and winning hoops season.

PHOTO FROM SPECTATOR ARCHIVES

Captains Begg and Roberts at the helm in watershed season

*continued from **Varsity** back page.*

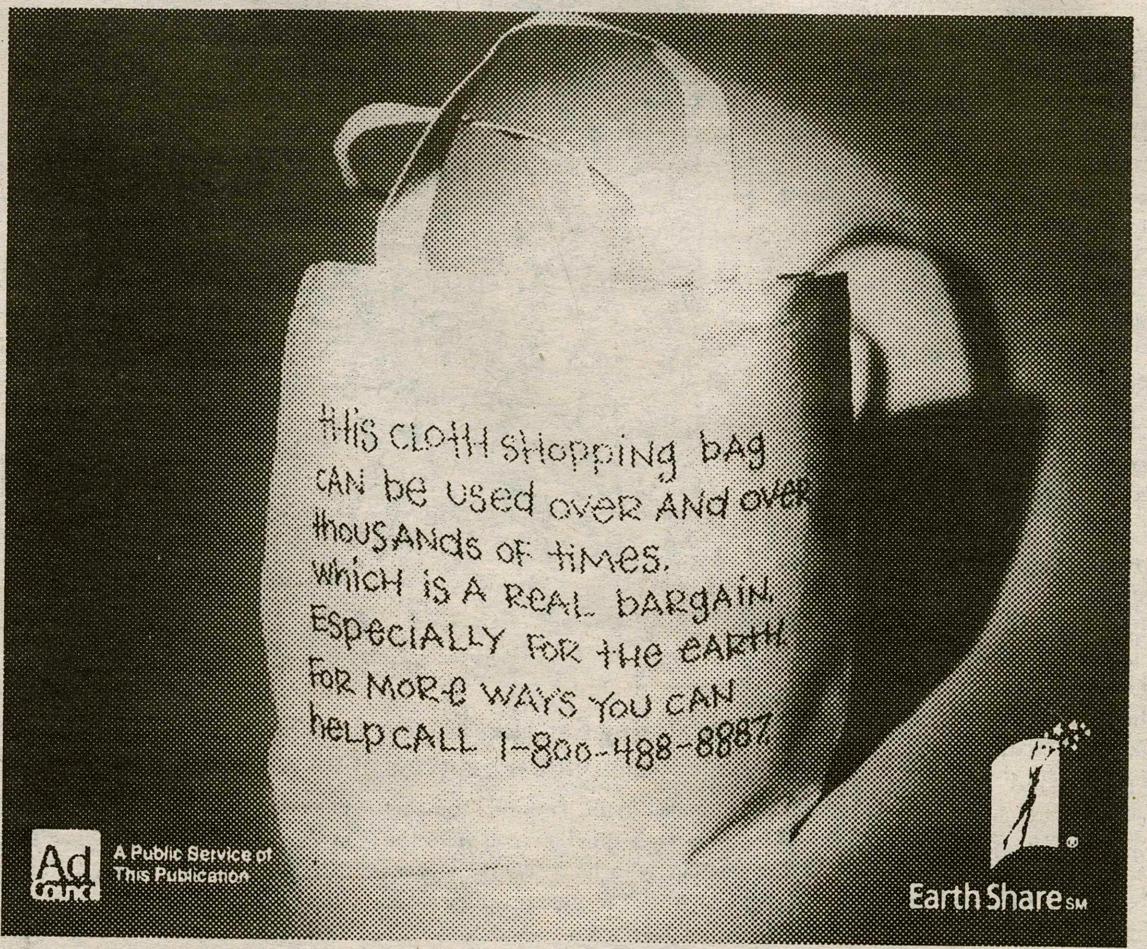
Picariello said, "We found out she could skate really well so we moved her to offense." Elvin is a solid offensive player as well and both should make significant contributions on the second line.

Freshmen Rebekah Coble (Montpelier, VT) and Alexa Slaunwhite (Saranac Lake, NY) will make significant contributions on defense. Slaunwhite is an excellent skater and a solid player. She will be the key to Hamilton's transition game. Coble is a smart defender with a great grasp on the fundamentals.

According to Picariello, "The team has more talent than we did last year. However, it will take us a while to gel. It would be ridiculous for us not to win more than we lose this year. We should grow on last year's experience."

Hamilton's first game is this Saturday against Williams at 4:00. The team will be looking to avenge its 4-0 loss last year at Williams. On Sunday, they have another home game against Amherst at 12:00. Last year the Conts soundly defeated Amherst at their place, 6-0.

The Hockey team seems to be on the right track for a successful season. The assistant coaches are doing a great job filling in for McElroy. The team is playing well in the scrimages that it has played in. They should be ready for the season opener this Saturday.



SPECTATORSPORTS

Women tackle Title IX, seek to score first victory

Hockey faces Williams in home opener of inaugural varsity season

By Rob Herring '00
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

On May 20, 1996, President Eugene Tobin announced that the hockey program would be elevated from a club team to Hamilton's 26th varsity sport. The club team had existed since 1974, and there is a lot of excitement building up to the team's first game this Saturday at Sage Rink against Williams.

Unfortunately, last year's coach, Kelley McElroy, will miss the first month of the season as she is expecting her third child. She will be back to coach the team after Christmas Break. The team is being coached now by a consortium of upperclassmen. Two juniors, Dave Clausen and Gavin Danaher, as well as senior Ken Picariello will assume the coaching duties until McElroy's return.

Last season, the Continentals finished a respectable 8-9, considering, as a club team, they were playing other Division III teams on the varsity level. Hamilton is looking to finish above .500 this season and qualify for the ECAC playoffs. In order to qualify for these playoffs, a team must win its region. Hamilton is in the West Division with Colgate, Middlebury, RIT, RPI, and Vermont. The Eastern division consists of Amherst, Bowdoin, Maine, Wesleyan, and Williams.

Hamilton has a very solid group of players returning this year that could help them make the ECAC playoffs. Senior co-captains Isabel Roberts and Sara Begg are crucial to the success of the team. Last year Roberts averaged an incredible 35+ saves per game, making her one of the top goaltenders in the conference. She had a 3.06 goals against average and a .905 save percentage last year. Said Coach McElroy, "Isabel pulled out several close games for us last season-her leadership and goaltending abilities will be important in making this season a winning one." Junior Kate Masi will be Roberts' backup. She finished last season with a 4.14 goals against average and a .881 save percentage.

> "This weekend we're out to prove that we deserved varsity status. We're going to prove it to others, but most of all, we're proving it to ourselves."
> -Sara Begg '97

Co-captain Begg returns after a good '95-'96 season. She scored the most goals on the team last year with 13. She was the second leading scorer with 21 points. First semester last season she was the lone captain and leading scorer. According to McElroy, "Sara's enthusiasm is contagious and her intensity and drive are instrumental to the success of the team." Coach Picariello added, "Sara definitely plays with a lot of heart and emotion."

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

The Women's hockey team has existed as a club team since 1974. Williams will be taking on a different team on Saturday.

Other key returners are junior Tuckey Ridder and sophomore Amy Williams. They will most likely join Begg on the first line. Last year, as a freshman, Williams was the Continentals top scorer with 25 points (11 goals, 14 assists). She is an excellent skater and she's great with the stick. This year she will be used again as both an offensive and a defensive player. Ridder was third on the team in points last year with 17 (12 goals, 5 assists). Unfortunately, she will be going abroad second semester. Junior Sarah Woodson will fill in for Ridder and try to improve on her seven points last season.

The key returners on defense include junior Lindsey Norris and sophomore Lydia Heenen. Both are very good defensive players. Norris had one goal and five assists last year and will be the core of the Continental defense this season. Heenen had five assists, improving her play tremendously over the course of the season. Both are looking to make Roberts' season in goal an easier one.

Hamilton has a good group of freshmen this year. Charlotte Davet (Quebec, Canada) and Deborah Elvin (Shelbourne, VT) have the potential to be top scorers for the Conts. Davet was recruited as a goalie, but as

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Schedule and experience hound hoops team as they head into '96-'97 season

Murphy's team finds the Princeton Tigers on their schedule for first time in 90 years

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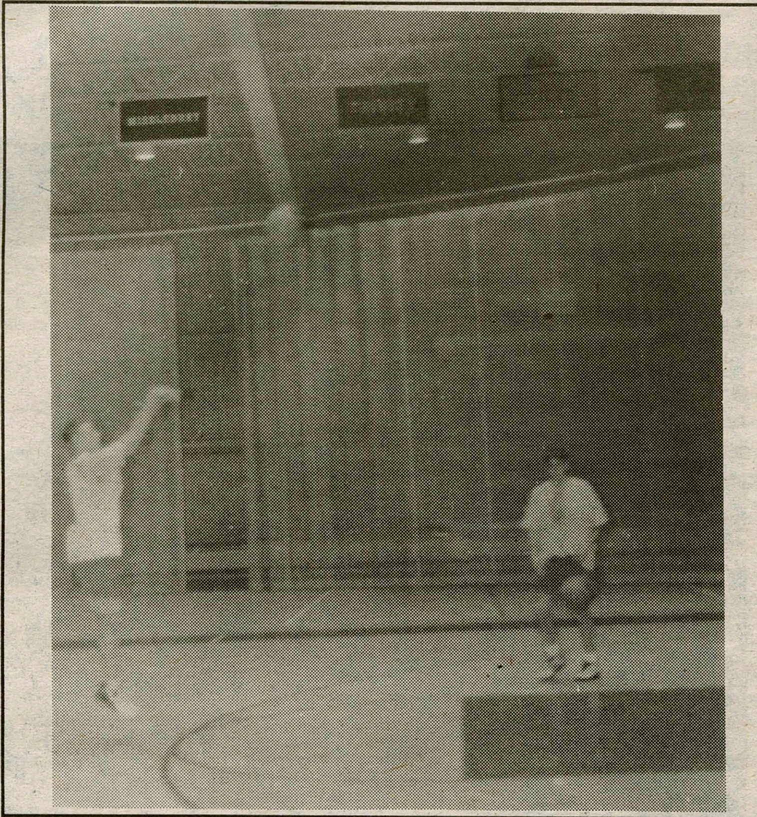
After two straight NCAA appearances, the Hamilton men's basketball team is ready to kick off another successful season. Last year, a heartbreaking opening round loss to St. Lawrence ended the Conts' year prematurely. Eight lettermen return from last season's 16-9 squad, including two starters with extensive game experience. An older and wiser squad will look to build on last year's success in their quest for another tournament showing.

Though the Division III NCAA Tournament began many years ago, Hamilton could not compete until recently due to NESCAC rules. This is unfortunate when considering the dynasty Coach Tom Murphy has instituted over the past 21 years. Hamilton's record over this period is impressive 432-140, for a .755 winning percentage. The Conts qualified for the ECAC tournament 19 times while winning ten times. Seventeen Hamilton players have achieved All-American honors over this era. The 1990-91 team finished at 26-1 and ranked first in the final NCAA Division III poll. In 1995, only the second year which Hamilton was even allowed to participate, the Continentals, with no player over 6' 4", remarkably reached the "Sweet Sixteen" round of the NCAA tournament.



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After losing some key players from last year, the hoopsters hope to continue the success of the Murphy dynasty.

The 1995-96 team was not as fortunate. After stringing together four straight grueling road victories, the Conts fell at home to St. Lawrence- a team they had already beaten twice during the regular season

This year's lineup must overcome the loss of six seniors and a potentially disastrous schedule in order to improve on last year. The Conts open the season with a comfortable four-game home stretch. Later on in January Hamilton travels to Maine for a pair of games and then to St. Lawrence and Clarkson on another weekend. The road trip culminates in New Jersey when Hamilton takes on Division I Princeton.

Much has changed in both programs since Hamilton beat Princeton 31-27 here in Clinton in 1907. Princeton is the defending Ivy League champion and comes off a stellar 22-7 campaign. Add to that their upset over defending national champion UCLA last March and you have a much different team than the one that traveled up College Hill road 90 years ago.

Although this game may seem to unfairly favor the Tigers, history shows that Hamilton has had much success against Division I teams. The Continentals defeated Colgate ten out of 13 times between 1977 and 1990. Games against Cornell in the mid 1980s were all decided in the final minutes. Utica College relegated its basketball program to Division III status after losing to Hamilton 84-73 in 1987.

In recent games, Division III teams have played well against Division I squads. Williams took Davidson to overtime last year before falling by a close margin. Perennial Division III powerhouse Franklin and Marshall gave Princeton some trouble over the past decade. Hamilton will fill F & M's shoes looking to continue this trend. Keep in mind that Hamilton has never lost to Princeton. Hopefully this streak will continue.

The 1996-97 Continentals are faced with the loss of three starters and four of the top six scorers from last year. Hardest to replace will be Joe Mrozienski (16.8 ppg, 11.1 rpg), the UCAA Player-of-the-Year and a second-team NESCAC All-Star. Also gone are point guard Scott Pace (11.4 ppg, 4.1 apg) and forward Al Lewis (7.3 ppg, 5.1 rpg).

Fortunately, promising forward Mike Schantz '99 returns for his second season. Schantz was the NESCAC Rookie-of-the-Year and a UCAA Second Team All-Star. He averaged 12.8 ppg and 8.6 rpg including a career-high 30 points against St. Lawrence early in the season. Schantz is an outstanding athlete with superb leaping ability. He can shoot the three, drive around smaller players, and has good sense around the basket. However, Schantz cooled off as the season progressed as teams shifted their focus away from Mrozienski. Schantz must remain consistent throughout the season in order to contribute to the teams' success.

Senior captain Kevin Larson (7 ppg, 2.2 rpg) is a slashing forward who will look to step up his play this season. Larson is ready to "carry a good amount of the scoring load early in the season" because of injuries and illness plaguing the team. The senior showcased his abilities in the alumni game, scoring 32 points padded by a barrage of threes. Local hero Kevin Thorpe '98 is skilled ball handler with excellent shooting range. Thorpe connected on 42 of 127 (.331) treys last year and will most likely fire even more this year. He first must rebound from an early season illness and return to prime shape.

Three players are competing this year for the point guard position. Mike Murphy '97, though slow afoot,

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